



**Laval Junior Academy  
Governing Board Minutes  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

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**Present:** Betty Aliftiras, Nicole Anastasopoulos, Lauren De Carolis, Jennifer Charbonneau, George Dimacacos, Johanne Dion, William Evans, Valerio Gazzola, Jenny Marlaine Gauvin, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Jonathan Gray, Helen Morrison, Fadi Mounayar, Michael Rice, Kathy Stavriadis, Domenica Tortorici, Costa Tsirbas and Franco Daniele (Substitute member – non-voting)

**Principal:** Eric Ruggi      **Vice-Principal:** Charles Chagnon and Gloria Cuccarolo      **Secretary:** Effie Kontakos

**Regrets:** Student Council

**0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum:** The meeting was called to order by Jenny Georgiopoulos at 7:09 pm. Quorum was met. The acknowledgement of the land was read in English by George Dimacacos and in Mohawk by Michael Rice.

**1.0 Adoption of Agenda:** No amendments made.

*LJA-GB170123-01: William Evans motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the agenda, Kathy Stavriadis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**2.0 Adoption of Minutes of December 13, 2022:** The Minutes were distributed to all members. No amendments.

*LJA-GB170123-02: Costa Tsirbas motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2022, Fadi Mounayar seconded, 13 in favour, and 3 abstentions. Motion carried*

**3.0 Question Period for the Public:** None.

**4.0 Business Arising:**

**4.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting**

**4.1.1 E-vote for Rentals January 11, 2023:** The e-vote was for the LJA Governing Board to approve six rentals. They are rentals with the Association Régionale de Soccer de Laval, Les Tornades de Laval (Baseball), Michael Solimene (Basketball), and UNIFOR section locale 522. The e-vote was sent on January 11, 2023. The results of the e-votes for the rentals were emailed to the members. The motions were carried unanimously.

*LJA-GB110123-EV01: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for the Association Régionale de Soccer de Laval (\$367.92), and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110123-EV02: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for Les Tornades de Laval (Baseball) for \$4,139.10, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110123-EV03: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for Michael Solimene (Basketball) for \$1,011.78, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*



*LJA-GB110123-EV04: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for UNIFOR section locale 522 (2023-06-17) for \$1,172.75, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110123-EV05: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for UNIFOR section locale 522 (2023-03-25) for \$1,172.75, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*LJA-GB110123-EV06: Jonathan Gray motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for the Association Régionale de Soccer de Laval (\$7,967.77), and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

## **5.0 Reports:**

### **5.1 Principal:**

- Dec. 13 – Governing Board Meeting
- Dec. 15 – Food drive ends (2000 food items collected for Agape and needy families)  
Generous donations received from parent community – Voilà and Sobeys, \$2,000.
- Dec. 16 – Dress Down day to support Agape
- Dec. 20 – Math midyear exam, Submitted application for (PPP) Projet Pedagogique Particulier, Staff holiday lunch provided by administration
- Dec. 22 – Last day of classes, Participated in RSEQ Sports Laval Discipline Committee
- Dec. 23 – Snow Day
- Jan. 9 – Pedagogical Day (Professional Development for staff on Social Emotional Learning)
- Jan. 10 – First day of classes after Christmas break, Home & School Meeting
- Jan. 12 – Attended Principals Meeting with Pedagogical Services
- Jan. 16 – First ski club outing of the year
- Jan. 17 – Visited the 11 Laval elementary schools to discuss course selection and registration with each principal, Teacher Council Meeting, Governing Board Meeting
- Upcoming
- Jan. 18 – Conseil d'administration Sports Laval
- Jan. 23 – Registration and re-registration for 2023-2024 begins
- Jan. 24 – School visit Part 2 with ADG Mr. Greschner, LSA Presentation to Secondary 2 students
- Jan. 25 – Management meeting at head office, LSA Music Concentration presents to LJA music students
- Jan. 26-27 – Escadron Basketball Sport-etudes tryouts
- Feb. 2 – Staff meeting
- Feb. 6 – Ped day, LJA hosts elementary ball hockey tournament
- Feb. 7 – Governing Board meeting

**5.2 Chairperson:** A parent, via email, had a question via regarding lunch in the cafeteria. Mr. Ruggi replied.

**5.3 Parents' Committee:** Report given by Jenny Georgiopoulos.

- January 25<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting for Commitment to Success Plan (CTSP).
- Emphasis on finding good teachers by SWLSB.
- Looking for teachers that are adaptable and emphasis placed on online (skills).
- Weaknesses were revealed during the epidemic.
- Parents' Committee recap from Adam Gordon will be emailed to the members.



#### **5.4 Home and School Association:** Report given by Kathy Stavriadis.

- Meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Costa Tsirbas creating flyers used on the website to ask parent community for donations and sponsors.
- Will do a breakfast / lunch for the staff for staff appreciation.
- Adopt-a-Tree waiting for spring to see whether trees were damaged. Collaborating with the Green Club.
- In February planning on doing event for the week for Valentine's Day.
- Looking for contacts to get sponsors.
- Received check from Flip Give.
- SPC campaign has started.

#### **5.5 Student Council:** Have not met since last GB meeting. Their next meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.0 New Business:**

#### **6.1 SWLSB Budget Building Survey 2023-2024:** The Budget Building Survey was reviewed and discussed.

A response was completed by the members to be submitted to the school board.

##### Highlights

Requesting / need:

- to increase the resources allocated to LJA to be able to provide direct services to the students to support them and meet their needs.
- to encourage the retention of SWLSB grade 6 students for Secondary 1 and retention of LJA students to LSA (Sec. 2 to Sec. 3).
- promotion of our school to the community (marketing).
- support for outreach.
- and all this requires resources. We need more resources to produce more.

Responses:

- LJA is not satisfied with the allocation of resources.
- Ranking of level of importance for response to question 5. Enrolment, EHDA clientele, students at risk, square meter of school, socio-economic index, regional needs, and geographical distance.
- Want SWLSB to consider an allocation for Projet Pédagogique Particulier (PPP) for LJA.
- Orientation 1 : Retain and support quality employees -  
(1) Profession development and growth (2) Training workshops for employees (3) Mentoring and coaching
- Orientation 2: Offer students a variety of choices through 21<sup>st</sup> century programs and curriculums -  
(1) Development of Special Programs (2) Extracurricular activities (3) Techno-pedagogical tools
- Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety, and well-being-  
(1) Increase trainings related to social/emotional/academic development (2) Promote Digital Citizenship  
(3) Building repairs and maintenance
- Orientation 4: Increase level of literacy competencies among the adult population on the SB's territory –  
(1) Night programs / flexible programs (2) Assistive technology (3) Online classes
- Orientation 5: Engage students in physical activities 60 minutes a day –  
(1) Upgrade sporting facilities (2) Sporting materials and equipment (3) Playground equipment
- Topic to prioritize – Greater need for student supervisors (more resource allocation).
- One area for SWLSB to consider in its budget – decentralize resources to the schools.

*LJA-GB170123-03: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the responses to the SWLSB Budget Building Survey for 2023-2024, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*



## 6.2 Field Trips and ECAs:

**6.2.1 Montreal Holocaust Museum (March 22 & 23, 2023):** Madame Charron's and Ms. Milea's Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 French and English students are going on a field trip to the Montreal Holocaust Museum on March 22nd or 23rd 2023. The students will be enjoying a guided visit and a history & writing workshop at the Montreal Holocaust Museum. This trip ties in with our French Second Language and English Language Arts curricula, in connection with our educational project for the month of March. This field trip will allow students to read and hear stories of the Jewish community, experiencing the role language, writing and documents played during the WWII period, as they have rich conversations with the curators of MHM, a well known repository of history and culture in Montreal. Will travel by yellow school bus. The students are responsible for bringing their bottle of water, snack and appropriate winter attire. The cost of this activity is \$20 and paid by the school.

*LJA-GB170123-04: George Dimacacos motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Montreal Holocaust Museum trip on March 22 and March 23, Domenica Tortorici seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.2.2 Outdoor Winter Sports / Leadership (Feb. 21-23, 2023):** The trip is open to all students. It is 3 days and 2 nights, mainly in Arundel. Students will ski, snowboard, tubing, hiking, participate in wilderness activities and leadership games. Will travel by yellow school bus. First 30 students will be accepted. Trip is not subsidized by the school. Cost is \$290 per student.

*LJA-GB170123-05: Betty Aliftiras motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Outdoor Winter Sports / Leadership trip from February 21-23, 2023, Kathy Stavriadis seconded, 16 in favour and 2 against. Motion carried*

**6.2.3 Escape Room Leadership Trip (February 24, 2023):** The students will go to Escaparium on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will leave during period 3 and return for the bus. There is no cost for transportation – students will walk. The cost is \$32 per student for the entrance fee.

*LJA-GB170123-06: Domenica Tortorici motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Escape Room Leadership trip on February 24, 2023, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.3 Fundraisers:** None.

**6.4 Rentals:** None.

**7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting:** The next GB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7pm.

**8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*LJA-GB170123-07: Michael Rice motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

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Jenny Georgiopoulos  
Chairperson

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Secretary