



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Present: Betty Aliftiras, Jennifer Charbonneau, Franco Daniele, Johanne Dion, William Evans, Valerio Gazzola, Jenny Marlaine Gauvin, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Helen Morrison, Michael Rice, Kathy Stavriadis, and Domenica Tortorici

Principal: Eric Ruggi

Vice-Principal: Gloria Cuccarolo

Secretary: Effie Kontakos

Regrets: Nicole Anastasopoulos, Charles Chagnon, Lauren De Carolis, George Dimacacos, Jonathan Gray, and Costa Tsirbas,

Guests: None

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jenny Georgiopoulos at 7:02 pm. Quorum was met. The acknowledgement of the land was read in English by William Evans.

“The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is on land which is traditional territory of the Kanien’keha:ka or Mohawk Nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the ‘Eastern Door Keepers’ and are a member of the Haudensaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga, and Oneida Peoples. All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends.”

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: No amendments were made.

LJA-GB130623-01: Valerio Gazzola motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the agenda, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of May 9, 2023: The Minutes were distributed to all members.

LJA-GB130623-02: William Evans motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the LJA GB Minutes of May 9, 2023, Jennifer Charbonneau seconded, unanimous Motion carried

3.0 Question Period for the Public: None.

4.0 Business Arising:

4.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting: None.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Principal:

- May 9 – LJA Governing Board meeting
- May 10 – Conseil d’administration Sports Laval
- May 12 – Regular school day, front office moving in advance of renovations
- May 15 – DP students visiting LSA, Teacher Council meeting
- May 19 – Arbraska Field Trip science concentration
- May 23 – Meeting with Ville de Laval representatives regarding entente for use of school
- May 24 – Management meeting
- May 25 – Be U Dress Down Day (Home & School), Laurier Gala & Star Fest
- May 26 – Ped day, LJA Hosts Elementary Volleyball Tournament, Ville de Laval Sports Gala, Hall of Fame Inductions



- May 27 – Cheerleading competition
- May 30 – Conseil d'administration Sports Laval
- June 2 – Jules Verne end of year Play Production at LJA
- June 7 – Teacher Staff Meeting, Staff vs Students Volleyball game at lunch
- June 8 – Last day of classes, end of year celebration
- June 9 – La Ronde Day, Special Education class went to Parc Safari
- June 10 – 11 – Building Blocks Math Exam Tutorials & Review
- June 12 – Special Management Meeting
- June 12- 16 - Final Exam week
- June 13 – Governing Board Meeting, CDC Vimont Graduation at LJA
- Congratulations to Valerio Gazzola who was inducted into the Laval Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his achievements, athleticism, and coaching. He will have a plaque on the wall near the main entrance at Place Bell Arena.

Upcoming

- June 14 – Conseil d'administration, LJA welcomes next year parents of DP students
- June 16 – Graduation ceremony for St. Vincent at LJA
- June 19 – 21 – Make up days
- June 26 – Sports etudes meeting
- June 30 – Report cards available on Mozaik

5.2 Chairperson: Report given by Jenny Georgiopoulos.

- Enjoyed being Chairperson.
- It was a really good year – we had an amazing administration, great parents, and great students.
- Completed LJA's Annual Report of the Governing Board.

5.3 Parents' Committee: Report given by Kathy Stavriadis.

- Received results regarding the number of students losing from grade 6 to Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 to Secondary 3. Was surprised to find we are at par. The numbers balance when taking into account students enrolling in our school from other areas.
- Have asked the school board what will be done to be proactive and raise awareness regarding vaping.
- Hellen Morrison added that, in regards to vaping, there needs to be a preventative and support program set up. She will meet with Eric Ruggi to determine the needs and what can be done.

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

- Gave financial report to Mr. Ruggi.
- Home & School needs more volunteers.
- Gave Freezies and TCBY to the students.
- Student Council organized a Fun Day outside.
- Home & School has projects lined up for next year. Will organize a welcome for students in September and a Wine & Cheese meeting for parents to attract parents to the Home & School Committee.
- A suggestion was made for H&S to help with the library to make it more enticing.
- Will look to get funding from applying for grants and reaching out to organizations.
- LJA will need a new chilling lounge in the next school year.

5.5 Student Council: No report.



6.0 New Business:

6.1 Adoption of GB Annual Report 2022-2023: The GB Annual Report was emailed to all the members for review and a copy distributed to members at the meeting. Some amendments were made.

LJA-GB0130623-03: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board Annual Report for 2022-2023, Kathy Stavriadis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.2 Presentation of the End of Year ABAV Report: The End of Year Report was distributed to all members. It was presented by Gloria Cuccarolo, reviewed, and discussed.

LJA-GB130623-04: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to adopt the LJA End of Year ABAV Report for 2023-2024 as presented, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.3 Field Trips and ECAs:

6.3.1 French Classes Théâtre de la Place des Arts (March 26, 2024): The students in the French classes, 150 students, will be attending the Spectacle at Place des Arts. Transportation will be by school bus. The cost is \$12.25 per student and covered by the Measures since it promotes access to French culture.

LJA-GB130623-05: Jennifer Charbonneau motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the field trip to Théâtre de la Place des Arts, as presented by the principal, Kathy Stavriadis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.3.2 Breaking Through Adventure Weekend at Arundel – October 19-22, 2023: Arundel is temporarily closed. It's a combination of shortage of staff and the forest fires. The cost of the trip will be defrayed with fundraising.

6.3.3 Girls to Women: Gloria would like to organize something for the girls. We presently have Girls Talk that have regular talks but would like to organize Girls to Women. There would be a maximum of 5 - 8 students.

LJA-GB130623-06: Betty Aliftiras motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve Girls to Women, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.4 Fundraisers: None.

6.5 Rentals:

6.5.1 Entente with Ville de Laval 2023-2028: The exchange of services agreement is expiring on August 31, 2023. LJA would like to maximize the potential revenue for the gymnasium. The new Entente beginning September 1, 2023, is being renewed but with some adjustments. The adjustments will address maintenance issues and respecting the times of use, i.e., 6:30 -10 pm on certain nights and 8 am – 8 pm on weekends, if necessary.

LJA-GB130623-07: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve that LJA continue with the Entente with Ville de Laval for 2023 – 2028, as presented by the principal, Domenica Tortorici seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting: The LJA General Assembly of Parents is scheduled for September 25, 2023, at 7 pm in the auditorium. The LJA GB members are still in office until the next LJA Governing Board members for 2023-2024 are elected.



8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

*LJA-GB130623-08: William Evans motioned for the LJA Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm,
Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

Jenny Georgiopoulos
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
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Secretary