



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Present: Betty Aliftiras, Nicole Anastasopoulos, Johanne Dion, William Evans, Valerio Gazzola, Jenny Marlaine Gauvin, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Jonathan Gray, Michael Rice, Kathy Stavriadis, Domenica Tortorici, Costa Tsirbas, Franco Daniele (Substitute member – voting), and Student Council: Hareem Saad Nawaz, James Macpherson, and Demi Vourliotis.

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

Regrets: Lauren De Carolis, Jennifer Charbonneau, George Dimacacos, Fadi Mounayar, and Helen Morrison

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jenny Georgiopoulos at 7:09 pm. Quorum was met. Franco Daniele was replacing an absent parent member. The acknowledgement of the land was read in English by Effie Kontakos and in Mohawk by Michael Rice.

“The Sir Wilfred 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 made.

LJA-GB140323-01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the agenda, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of January 17, 2023: The Minutes were distributed to all members. No amendments were made. There was no governing meeting held in February.

LJA-GB140323-02: Nicole Anastasopoulos motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Question Period for the Public: A parent emailed a question in regard to same day detention that is given during the lunch period. Would it be possible to deter it, for the student to make arrangements for lunch? For a full period detention, the student is given the opportunity to eat lunch at 1:10pm. The cafeteria service is open until 1:30pm. The line up at that time is shorter than at the beginning of lunch but the selection is less. If there are medical issues, the student supervisor will address that if there is a concern.

Question #2: Why did the email to the parent community about the fire drill specify that the fire alarm was pulled by a special needs student? The response: The LJA administration wanted to communicate to the parent community that the fire alarm was pulled by a student that did not understand that pulling it would cause the fire drill. The administration wanted to clarify that it was not intentional. That fire alarm pull station was missing the clear case that protects the alarm and that will now be rectified.

4.0 Business Arising:

4.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting

4.1.1 Science Concentration Planetarium/Biodome March 16, 2023: The e-vote on February 20, 2023 was for the LJA Governing Board to approve a request for a Secondary 2 Science Concentration trip to the Planetarium / Biodome on March 16, 2023. The results of the e-vote were emailed to the members. The field trip was approved.



LJA-GB200223-EV04: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the request for a Secondary 2 Science Concentration field trip to the Planetarium and Biodome on March 16, 2023, as proposed by the principal, Domenica Tortorici seconded, 14 in favour, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried

4.1.2 Rentals (February): The e-vote on February 3, 2023, was for the LJA Governing Board to approve two rentals. They are rentals with AA Congrès and Michel Leuzzi. The results of the e-votes for the rentals were emailed to the members. The rentals were approved.

LJA-GB030223-EV01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for AA Congrès for \$3,386.30, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Domenica Tortorici seconded, 14 in favour, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried

LJA-GB030223-EV02: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the request for the rental of the Laval Junior Academy facilities for Michel Leuzzi for \$896.80, and the terms of the rental contract proposed by the principal as presented, Domenica Tortorici seconded, 14 in favour, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried

4.1.3 New York City April 26-28, 2023: The e-vote on February 8, 2023 was for the LJA Governing Board to approve the request for a New York City field trip from April 26-28, 2023. The results of the e-vote were emailed to the members. The field trip was approved. However, the field trip was cancelled given that it was proposed less than two months before the scheduled date. LJA was not able to meet the deadlines to book the trip (paperwork and security deadlines). The trip needs to be proposed earlier for next year.

LJA-GB080223-EV03: Domenica Tortorici motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the request for a New York City field trip from April 26-28, 2023, proposed by the principal as presented, Costa Tsirbas seconded, 14 in favour, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Principal:

- Jan. 17 –Governing Board Meeting
- Jan. 18 – Conseil d'administration Sports Laval
- Jan. 23 – Registration and re-registration for 2023-2024 begins
- Jan. 24 – Student assemblies Secondary 1 (Dealing with stress & anxiety) Secondary 2 (LSA Presentation to students)
- Jan. 25 – Management meeting at head office, LSA Music Concentration presents to LJA music students
- Jan. 26-27 – Escadron Basketball Sport-etudes tryouts
- Jan. 30 – LJA Home & School Meeting
- Jan. 31 – French midterm exams
- Feb. 1 – 24 – Black History Month (special morning announcements)
- Feb. 1 – Local negotiations regarding support staff collective agreement
- Feb. 2 – English midterm exams, Labour Relations Committee meeting
- Feb. 6 – 10 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb. 6 – Ped day, LJA hosts elementary ball hockey tournament
- Feb. 7 – Governing Board meeting canceled
- Feb. 8 – LJA Parents Workshop “Helping Teens Manage Stress & Anxiety”
- Feb. 10 – Sports Fair for all students (\$1000 free equipment from Sports Laval)
- Feb. 13 – Leadership concentration field trip to Escape Room



- Feb. 14 – Carnation deliveries by Student Council & Oreo cookies for all students from Home & School
- Feb. 15 – Student Assemblies Sec. 1 (Being Different & Vaping Presentation), Sec. 2 (Identifying Stress & Anxiety, Being Different)
- Feb. 16 – School visit Part 2 with ADG Mr. Greschner,
- Feb. 20 – Home & School Meeting, sec. 2 Science Concentration webinar with Canadian Space Agency
- Feb. 21 – Participated in the SWLSB Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) meeting, LJA Parent Workshop “Do you know what your kids are doing online?”
- Feb. 22 – Pink shirt day (Stand up to Bullying)
- Feb. 23 – Pedagogical Services Principals Meeting
- Feb. 24 – End of term 2
- Feb. 27 – Mar. 3 – March break
- Mar. 6 – Tubing field trip, First day back from break
- Mar. 7 - Drug & Alcohol Awareness Workshops begin for Secondary 1 classes
- Mar. 9 - Staff meeting
- Mar. 11 – Boys futsal team win championship (dedicated to Coach Giannias)
- Mar. 14 – Special RAC meeting, Governing Board meeting

Upcoming

- Mar. 15 – Management meeting, Conseil d’administration Sports Laval, Report cards available on Mozaik
- Mar. 16 – Labour Relations Committee meeting
- Mar. 20 – 31 – Articulation meetings with each of the 11 Laval elementary schools
- Mar. 20 - Cyber Awareness Workshops begin for Secondary 2 classes, Home & School meeting
- Mar. 22 – 23 – Holocaust Museum field trips
- Mar. 23 – Parent-Teacher Night (online)
- Mar. 24 – Ped day, LJA hosts March Madness basketball tournament for elementary schools,
- Mar. 30 – LJA hosts SWLSB Equity Summit for Student Leadership Certificate Program
- Mar. 31 – Shakespeare Theatre Company at LJA for each grade – Romeo and Juliet

Other important notes

- Last day of classes June 8, 2023
- Final exam week from June 12- 16, 2023, Make up days June 19-20, 2023
- Special education classes end June 16, 2023
- Summer renovations begin mid-May 2023
- School organization – projected 885 students for 2023-24, 4 sport-etudes groups, 9 concentrations for each grade, maintaining all special education groups

5.2 Chairperson: Nothing to report.

5.3 Parents’ Committee: Report given by Jenny Georgiopoulos.

- Project in St. Lin extended date to March 17th.
- The March 15th job fair over 100 jobs will be available for students
- On March 18th, SWLSB will be at the Rockets game at the Bell Center. Will be selling 50/50 tickets. Four dollars will be given to the foundation.
- SEAC Workshops – Anxiety for students and for parents and Understanding Your Child’s IEP (Individual Education Plan)
- Science Fair at Laval Senior Academy
- March 28 free Wellness Webinar
- EPCA safety initiative – asked if LJA has issues with pick-ups and drop-off and what our needs are.



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

- Cubris Waffles – a pop-up store. Students may purchase one waffle with a choice of toppings. Cost is \$5 and \$2 is allocated to the Home and School. Tentative date selected is April 3rd.

LJA-GB140323-03: Betty Aliftiras motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the fundraiser with Cubris Waffles scheduled tentatively for April 3, 2023, for the waffles to be sold for \$5, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

- Home and School would like to have a fundraiser selling pizza kits from Il Pianzetto Pizza in May. The kits will be sold for \$25 containing dough for 2 pizzas, sauce, basil, and pepperoni. The cost to H&S for each pizza kit is \$15. They will deliver the pizza to the school and H&S will organize a system for pickups.

LJA-GB140323-04: Jenny Georgiopoulos motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the fundraiser in May with Il Pianzetto Pizza to sell pizza kits for \$25, William Evans seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

5.5 Student Council: The report was given by Hareem, James, and Demi.

- Planning a dance at the end of the year.
- The members of Student Council introduced themselves - Hareem, President of the Student Council Committee, James, the Vice President, and Demi, one of the many members in the team.

Valentine's Day Carnation Flowers

- The student council team arranged a Valentine's Day flower delivery in the month of February. During the second week of February, students were able to pre-order flowers for \$2 each, along with a note to the person being delivered to. We sold over 300 carnations! Following that, on February 14th (Valentine's Day), we were successful in delivering the carnations to various pupils and teachers during period 4, thanks to help from the V-CLUB committee and the outstanding student council members! A huge thank you to our amazing students and teachers for organizing such a fantastic event for the students to enjoy!

Spirit Week Planification

- The Student Council team is currently planning for one of our most anticipated and exciting events: Spirit Week! Spirit Week will take place the week of Monday, March 27th. Each day of the week will feature a variety of fun and exciting events in which both students and teachers may participate! (*All activities are pending Teacher Council approval this Thursday)
- Monday: Sports Day! Students can wear jerseys or other sports-related t-shirts/clothing. Sports-themed baseball caps will be allowed, exceptionally.
- Rubs American BBQ Food truck for lunch, at students' own cost. We will pre-sell tickets for the food truck beginning Monday the 20th-Thursday the 23rd. Students will receive a ticket to be given to the food truck on the 27th as proof of purchase.
- Menu: For \$11.50 students can purchase either 2 hotdogs, fries and drink, a pulled pork sandwich, fries and a drink, or a 12oz poutine, fries and drink.
- Still need to decide with teacher council where the food truck should set up, but we will propose somewhere near the pickup zone outside
- Tuesday: Beach Day! Come dressed up in Hawaiian shirts, sunhats, sunglasses, sandals, etc. Let's bring the warmth to us since it's still so cold outside! Beach games and summer music in block c (beach balls and a few other activities to be put on by student council). Small prizes for best outfit (gift card, candy).
- Wednesday: Pajama Day! Don't bother getting dressed today! Come in your pajamas!
- Thursday: Throwback Thursday! Students can dress in clothing from the past decades (hippy, disco, grunge, 80's, etc.). There will be a 'Fashion show' at lunch, with prizes for best outfit (small gift cards, candy to be awarded). An 'Old school' music playlist will be put together by members of the student council (music and fashion show in Block C at lunch).



- Friday is the Romeo & Juliet play so we won't plan any activities for that day.
- Overall, this week will be a great and memorable time for all of the students to unwind from term 2 and have some fun before gearing up for a challenging term 3, all the while building school spirit and community through these activities.

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 8:55 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:15pm.

LJA-GB140323-05: Franco Daniele motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Valerio Gazzola seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Change to the Student Cell Phone Policy: The Student Cell Phone Policy was discussed. The discussion included the option of not allowing phones in Block C, that students and staff were being recorded and the videos were posted without their permission, and that students were engaging in activities involving their phones that were creating difficulties in managing behaviours. Amendments were made to the Student Cell Phone Policy and LJA would put in place a grace period to gradually enforce the policy. An assembly will be scheduled to inform and educate the student body. A suggestion was made for the students to further discuss the policy with their teachers in their classrooms.

LJA-GB140323-06: Betty Aliftiras motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the changes to the Student Cell Phone Policy as presented, Michael Rice seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

LJA-GB140323-07: Betty Aliftiras motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the implementation of the new Student Cell Phone Policy as presented, with a potential start date of April 11, 2023, and to include a grace period from April 3-6, 2023, Michael Rice seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

LJA Student Cell Phone Policy

We strongly encourage all students to be good digital citizens.

Using your cell phone on school premises is permitted based on adherence to the following conditions:

Phone refers to personal cell phones and any connected accessories, including but not limited to: wireless headphones, connected smart watches, smart glasses, etc.

- Last day of classes June 8, 2023
- Phones in school must be turned off.
- It is strongly suggested that phones remain in your lockers.
- If a phone is on your person, it needs to be out of sight.
- Phones can only be turned on outside during recess and lunch in a restricted area.
- Filming and/or taking pictures of others is not allowed without their permission.
- Phones need to be turned off at the end of recess and lunch before entering the school building.
- In exceptional circumstances, you may be given permission to use your phone outside the designated times and areas by a person in authority (staff member, teacher, or administrator).

Students who fail to adhere to the policy will be subject to the following:

- First and second offence: the parent will be advised, the phone will be confiscated and the student will need to pick it up from the office at the end of the day.
- Third offence: the phone will be confiscated and a parent will need to pick it up at school.
- Escalated measures will be taken for repeat offenders.

Laval Junior Academy is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal belongings.



6.2 Field Trips and ECAs:

6.2.1 Place des Arts Sec. 1 (Tsakris & Julien) April 18, 2023: Secondary 1 students in Miss Tsakris and Miss Julien's classes will go to see the presentation Tentacle Tribe at Place des Art on April 18, 2023. They will leave by school bus at 12 pm and return to school at 4:15 pm. The cost per student is \$12 but it is at no cost for students since it will be paid by the Cultural Activities Measures. The repertoire qualifies for funds to be used from this Measure.

LJA-GB140323-08: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Place des Arts field trip for Secondary 1 students, (Miss Tsakris and Miss Julien), on April 18, 2023, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

6.2.2 La Ronde June 9, 2023: The trip is open to all students. La Ronde will be open to schools exclusively. LJA has reserved 6 buses and are looking to reserve more. Cost per student is \$24.99 plus taxes (\$28.80) for tickets and \$18.83 for transportation (seat on the bus), bringing the total cost to \$48 per student. We would like to reduce the cost per student by subsidizing the trip with funds raised in the lollipop sales. Have raised \$2,000 from the lollipop sales. Would like to reduce the costs between \$25-\$30 per students. There is a food package that students may purchase in advance for \$13.99 plus tax. Students are not permitted to bring their own food and the food package will not be subsidized.

LJA-GB140323-09: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the La Ronde trip on June 9, 2023, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

6.2.3 Movie Outing (Virone) June 2, 2023: The students will go to the Coliseum on June 2, 2023. There is no cost for transportation – students will walk. Students will leave for periods 1, 2, and 3. The cost of the movie is absorbed by the student.

LJA-GB140323-10: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Movie Outing trip to the Coliseum on June 2, 2023, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 9:15 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:30pm.

LJA-GB140323-11: Franco Daniele motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Domenica Tortorici seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried

6.2.4 Arbraska Science Concentration - May 19, 2023: Secondary 2 Science Concentration students will go to Rawdon for the Arbraska tree climbing activity on May 19, 2023. There will be 44 students with teachers. Transportation will be by bus. Students will return to school in time for STL transportation at the end of the school day. The trip will be paid from concentration fees.

LJA-GB140323-12: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Arbraska Science Concentration field trip on May 19, 2023, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous. *Motion carried*

6.3 Fundraisers

6.3.1 Pink in the City Breast Cancer Fundraiser: On April 5, 2023, would like to hold a Pink in the City day at LJA. The funds raised will help support the research of a new liquid biopsy method under development at MUHC. Students may become Pink champions by either shaving their heads (sponsors or pledges), cutting their hair (if 8 inches long the hair will be donated to make wigs), \$5 pink hair spray, or \$5 pink hair extensions. All events will take place at lunchtime. Students will have the opportunity to meet a survivor and hear their story.

LJA-GB140323-13: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Pink in the City fundraiser on April 5, 2023, Jenny Georgiopoulos seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried



6.4 Rentals

6.4.1 Association de Baseball Delta de Laval: Rental of \$1,724.63 for Association de Baseball Delta de Laval for use of gymnasiums 3 & 4 from March 24 to April 21, 2023.

LJA-GB140323-14: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental with Association de Baseball Delta de Laval for \$1,724.63 from March 24 to April 21, 2023, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.4.2 Syndicat Vertical: Rental of \$86.23 for Syndicat Vertical for use of one classroom on April 3, 2023.

LJA-GB140323-15: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental with Syndicat Vertical for \$86.23 on April 3, 2023, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.4.3 Carré Chambord: Rental of \$45.99 for Carré Chambord for use of one classroom on March 15, 2023.

LJA-GB140323-16: Michael Rice motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental with Carré Syndicat for \$45.99 on March 15, 2023, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting: The next LJA GB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7pm.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

LJA-GB140323-17: Michael Rice motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jenny Georgiopoulos
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
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Secretary