



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Present: 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, Kathy Stavriadis, Domenica Tortorici, and Costa Tsirbas

Principal: Eric Ruggi Vice-Principal: Gloria Cuccarolo Secretary: Effie Kontakos

Regrets: Betty Aliftiras, Theresa Andrusko, Franco Daniele, Michael Rice, and Charles Chagnon

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jenny Georgiopoulos at 7:06 pm. Quorum was met. Costa Tsirbas is replacing an absent member.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: An amendment was made.

LJA-GB081122-01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the agenda with the modification, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of June 15, 2022 & October 11, 2022: The Minutes were distributed to all members. No amendments.

LJA-GB081122-02: Johanne Dion motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2022, Domenica Tortorici seconded, 11 in favour, and 3 abstentions. Motion carried

LJA-GB081122-03: William Evans motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2022, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Business Arising:

3.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting

3.1.1 E-vote Secretary for LJA Governing Board Meetings: The LJA Governing Board mandated Eric Ruggi to fill the position of secretary. He secured someone external to the governing board to serve as secretary. Effie Kontakos is a former LJA GB member and has extensive experience as a GB secretary. The e-vote was sent on October 20, 2022. The result of the vote was 16 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Unanimous.

LJA-GB201022-EV01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve Ms. Effie Kontakos as the secretary for all 2022-2023 LJA Governing Board meetings, and that she be compensated at a rate of \$60.00 per meeting, George Dimacacos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.2 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure: The Internal Rules were distributed to the members and reviewed. The discussion led to an amendment in 7.7.2 to change three meetings to two meetings.

LJA-GB081122-04: William Evans motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the LJA Internal Rules of Procedure for 2022-2023, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Principal:

- Oct. 11 – Governing Board Meeting, Special Needs Committee meeting
- Oct. 14 – Ped day, First Communication Report available for parents
- Oct. 17 – LJA Open House, Reptizoo visits begin for Science classes



- Oct. 19 – Evacuation Practice
- Oct. 20 – 21 – Science Concentration field trip to Arundel
- Oct. 21 – Evacuation Drill with Laval Fire Department
- Oct. 25 – Teacher Council meeting, RSEQ Sports Laval Annual General Assembly
- Oct. 26 – Meeting with Project Manager regarding upcoming LJA renovations
- Oct. 27 – Meeting with Laval Police Department & Laval principals regarding service offers, attended the SWLSB Retirement Dinner for LJA retirees, Home & School Meeting
- Oct. 28 – Dress Down Day (Games Room)
- Oct. 31 – Halloween activities by Student Council
- Nov. 1 – Picture retakes, Stress & Anxiety Management workshops begin
- Nov. 3 – Staff meeting for teachers
- Nov. 4 – End of Term 1
- Nov. 7 – Study Skills & Organization workshops Part 2 begins
- Nov. 8 – Governing Board Meeting
- Upcoming
- Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day ceremony during period 2 – in class
- Nov. 11 – ped day, CCI conference by SWLSB hosted at LJA, LJA hosts elementary handball tournament
- Nov. 17 – Report cards available for parents
- Nov. 21 – Book fair begins
- Nov. 25 – Be U Dress Down Day (Home & School), Book Fair ends
- Nov. 30 – Parent-Teacher Meetings (online), Management Meeting

4.2 Chairperson: I'm excited to be Chairperson. It's good to see all the members participating, passionate, and are sharing their different opinions.

4.3 Parents' Committee: Jenny Georgiopoulos will email SWLSB PC highlights to the members. Adam Gordon is the Chairperson. The Parents' Committee had elections. A subcommittee for Subject Time Allocation was created.

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

- Will have TCBY every Tuesday. New flavours will be introduced.
- Allocated \$1, 000 for Ms. Heidi's room.
- Looking for sponsors for staff appreciation.
- Will work with Student Council to create better link and learn what they need.
- Discussed fundraisers. Adopt-a-Tree will begin soon.

4.5 Student Council: The student council submitted a report and sent apologies that no representative could be present for the meeting. It was a big week for the members of Student Council who have been busy organizing Remembrance Day activities and will also be attending the Remembrance Day field trip this Friday, November 11. Student Council has had a busy year so far, with many activities underway:

1) Halloween: Student Council organized Halloween activities at lunch on October 31st. There was a costume fashion walk, and 3 prizes were awarded for best costumes: Best Costume Overall (\$25 Amazon gift card); Funniest Costume (\$15 McDonalds gift card); and Most Creative Costume (\$10 Starbucks gift card). There were also games (limbo, red light/green light), music, and a pumpkin decorating contest. Candy was given out to all students.

2) Remembrance Day Field Trip: Student Council members are heading to Ottawa November 11th, to attend the National Remembrance Day Ceremony, along with Leadership Students from across the board. Students will attend all the formal ceremonies on the day (War Museum, Canadian National Ceremony, Memorial Service with veterans and students will have a private audience with former Canadian Head of State, Governor General, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson.)



3) Gender-Inclusive Washroom and 'Pride' display case: Student Council is in the process of making available a gender-inclusive washroom to students. It will be a single stall washroom, located beside the auditorium. Student Council is paying for a custom-built sign that will designate the bathroom as gender inclusive. We will also be putting up a display case dedicated to 2SLGBTQ+ 'Pride' and inclusiveness, which will include positive messaging, a pride flag, and art.

4) Leadership Workshop on November 29th: Student Council members will be attending a full day workshop led by Daniel Johnson in order to work on team building and leadership skills.

5) Learning Disabilities and ADHD/Dyslexia awareness month (October): Students honoured the awareness campaign with a small speech that was read over the intercom, acknowledging the struggles of students living with learning disabilities and ADHD or Dyslexia and offering support. More activities and some fundraising for related charities will be carried out later on in the year.

- Had our first pizza sale. May have been slow due to the previous day being a PED day and no reminder email had been sent. Next sale is next Thursday, February 21st.
- H&S was unable to purchase the chairs for the Special Needs classes. The company has changed their policy and no longer sells single items. Kellie is looking to find other companies to purchase from.
- H&S participated in Staff Appreciation Week. On Wednesday, the staff room was set-up with baked goods from parents and Patisserie St. Martin. On Thursday, went class-to-class with coffee and Timbits.
- We would like Governing Board approval to offer a self-defense class as a fundraiser. Date to be determined pending school availability after the March break. It will be after school. KickFit Lab will teach the class for 2 hours and charge \$5 per person and H&S will charge \$15 per person.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 School Budget 2021-2022: The School Budget was tabled. Administration has not yet received the official report from the school board and it will be shared once received.

5.2 Deed of Establishment & Three-Year Plan 2023-2024: This is an annual consultation, initiated by the Council of Commissioners. The Deed of Establishment & Three-Year Plan are documents that confirm the purpose of the Laval Junior Academy (level of instruction Secondary Cycle 1) and the use of premises, respectively. An addition was made to the Three-Year Plan to include the use of premises by Alcoholic Anonymous, specifically a classroom and the auditorium.

LJA-GB081122-05: Domenica Tortorici motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the Deed of Establishment for 2023-2024, maintaining the status quo for Laval Junior Academy as Secondary Cycle 1 Level of Instruction, Lauren De Carolis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

LJA-GB081122-06: Costa Tsirbas motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the Three-Year Plan for 2023-2024, with the amendment to include the use of premises by Alcohol Anonymous, Jonathan Gray seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.3 Subject Time Allocation 2023-2024: The Subject Time Allocation for 2023-2024 was discussed and reviewed. The STA proposal will be presented at the next GB meeting.

Motion to extend the meeting:

At 9:00 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes.

LJA-GB081122-07: Kathy Stavriadis motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Johanne Dion seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.4 Field Trips and ECAs: None.

5.5 Fundraisers: None.



5.6 Rentals:

5.6.1 Air Cadets 100 Squadron: Rental of \$0.01 for the use of 3 classrooms, Block C, and storage space on Sept 15, 2022 until June 1, 2023, for Air Cadets 100 Squadron.

LJA-GB081122-08: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$0.01 for Air Cadets 100 Squadron for the use of 3 classrooms, Block C, and storage space from September 15, 2022 until June 1, 2023, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.6.2 Peter Ladas: Rental of \$827.82 for the use of gymnasium 4 from October 18 until December 13, 2022 for Peter Ladas and Shaun Alexander.

LJA-GB081122-09: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$827.82 for for Peter Ladas and Shaun Alexander, for the use of gymnasium 4 from October 18 until December 13, 2022, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.6.3 Teoli: Rental of \$1,560.00 for Guglielmo Teoli for the use of gymnasiums 3 & 4 from November 22, 2022 until April 11, 2023.

LJA-GB081122-10: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$1,560.00 for Guglielmo Teoli, for the use of gymnasiums 3 & 4 from November 22, 2022 until April 11, 2023, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

5.6.4 Studio de Danse Prestige: Rental of \$1,425.68 for the use of the auditorium, main hall rooms A108 and A132 on December 17, 2022 for Studio de Danse Prestige.

LJA-GB081122-11: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$1,425.68 for Studio de Danse Prestige, for the use of the auditorium, main hall rooms A108 and A132 on December 17, 2022, Nicole Anastasopoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.0 Question Period for the Public: None.

7.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of the Next GB Meeting: The next GB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7pm.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

LJA-GB081122-12: George Dimacacos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm, Costa Tsirbas seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jenny Georgiopoulos
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
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Secretary