



**Laval Junior Academy  
Governing Board Minutes  
Thursday, December 7, 2023**

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**Present:** Donna Bibeau, Jennifer Charbonneau, Franco Daniele, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Evan Goudis, Demetra Papazafiropoulos, Nina Rodrigues, and Kathy Stavriadis

**Principal:** Eric Ruggi      **Vice-Principal:** Gloria Cuccarolo and Leslie Aggrey-Fynn      **Secretary:** Effie Kontakos

**Regrets:** Betty Aliftiras, Lauren De Carolis, Tiziana Cirigliano, William Evans, Jenny Marlaine Gauvin, Valerio Gazzola, Michael Rice, and Katie Vrugink

**Guests:** None

**0. Welcome / Verification of Quorum / Acknowledgment of the Land:** The meeting was called to order by Jenny Georgiopoulos at 7:09 pm. Quorum was met. Nina Rodrigues was replacing an absent parent member. The acknowledgement of the land was read in English by Effie Kontakos.

"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:** Additions were made to the agenda.

*LJA-GB071223-01: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to adopt the agenda with the additions, Donna Bibeau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**2.0 Adoption of Minutes of November 14, 2023:** The Minutes had been emailed to the members and distributed at the meeting. No amendments were made.

*LJA-GB071223-02: Nina Rodrigues motioned for the Laval Junior Governing Academy Board to adopt the LJA GB Minutes of November 14, 2023, Evan Goudis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**3.0 Business Arising:**

**3.1 E-votes since the last GB Meeting:**

**3.1.1 E-vote – École Montreal Holocaust Museum Field Trip:** The e-vote was on November 15<sup>th</sup> for a field trip to the Montreal Holocaust Museum is scheduled for March 21 and 22, 2024. This trip ties in with LJA's French Second Language and English Language Arts curricula, in connection with our educational project for the month of March. Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 students will be given a guided visit of the museum and a history and writing workshop. 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. The cost of the activity is \$25. Transportation by school bus. This trip will be subsidized by the Measures. Departure from school at 8:30 am and return at 2:30 pm. In light of the current international situation, there are concerns regarding the safety and security of the students. In February, a final decision will be made as to whether the trip will take place upon considering the safety and security of the students.

*LJA-GB151123-EV01: Valerio Gazzola motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the Montreal Holocaust Museum Field Trip scheduled for March 21 and March 22, 2023, as presented by the principal, Evan Goudis seconded, 14 in favour, 0 against, and 1 abstention. Motion carried*



**3.1.2 E-vote – GB Date Change:** The e-vote was on November 29<sup>th</sup> to approve rescheduling the date of LJA's Governing Board meeting from December 14<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>. The strike action that was scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>, necessitated a rescheduling of LJA's Governing Board Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A meeting could not be held during the strike action.

*LJA-GB291123-EV02: Evan Goudis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve rescheduling LJA's GB meeting from December 14<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Jennifer Charbonneau seconded, 11 in favour and 4 abstentions.*  
*Motion carried*

**3.2 Community Representatives:** The members were informed regarding the requirements for Community Representatives. A Community Representative is not allowed to vote and is appointed by the other members of the Governing Board. Spyridonas Pettas was considered as a candidate to join the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board. If there are concerns regarding a potential Community Representative, they should be expressed before their appointment as a Governing Board member. The only requirements are the following:

- that Community Representatives are not members of the school staff;
- they must disclose any direct or indirect interest in an enterprise that places the member's personal interest in conflict with the interest of the school and must avoid influencing the decision relating to it. The member must, in addition, withdraw from a meeting while the matter is discussed or voted on.

Note: The definition of enterprise is the one found in the Civil Code: "The carrying on by one or more persons of an organized economic activity, whether or not it is commercial in nature, consisting of producing, administering or alienating property, or providing a service, constitutes the operation of an enterprise".

Involvement in politics would not be considered as a conflict of interest in an enterprise.

However, Section 71 of the Quebec Education Act provides that: "The members of the governing board (...) must also act with honesty and loyalty and in the interest of the school, the students, the parents, the school staff and the community", not in their own or their political party's interest.

*LJA-GB071223-03: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Governing Academy Board to reach out to Spyridonas Pettas to ask if he is interested to be a LJA Community Representative, Donna Bibeau seconded, unanimous.*  
*Motion Carried*

## **4.0 Reports:**

### **4.1 Principal:**

- Nov. 14 – Governing Board meeting
- Nov. 15 – First term report cards available on Mozaik, start of Basketball Sport-Études tryouts
- Nov. 20 – Start of Mission 5000 Food Drive for Agape
- Nov. 21-23 – School closed due to strike action
- Nov. 28 – Term 1 LJA Coins distributed
- Nov. 29 – Management meeting for administrators, Field trip to Radio Canada studios, new director nominated for SWLSB
- Nov. 30 - Parent-teacher night (online)
- Dec. 1 - Part 2 Behavior Modification Systems Training for all teachers, SWLSB Elementary mini-Futsal Tournament hosted by LJA
- Dec. 4 – Staff meeting
- Dec. 5 – Teacher Council meeting
- Dec. 6 – Large donation of food baskets (approx. \$5,000) from Sobeys / IGA
- Dec. 7 – Governing Board meeting



## Upcoming

- Dec. 8-14 – School closed due to strike action
- Dec. 15 – End of Mission 5000 Food Drive for Agape
- Dec. 18 – School Level Special Needs Committee meeting
- Dec. 19 – Friendly volleyball game between LJA Vipers and Laval Police
- Dec. 22 – Last day of classes
- Dec. 25- Jan. 5 – Holiday Break
- Jan. 8 – PED Day
- Jan. 9 – First day of classes, Teacher Council meeting
- Jan. 15 – Governing Board meeting

### **4.2 Chairperson:** Report given by Jenny Georgiopoulos.

- Support the teachers and support staff. Hopefully a resolution will be reached.
- The system needs to be improved.

### **4.3 Parents' Committee:** Report tabled for next meeting.

- Tiziana Cirigliano attended the Parents' Committee meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> which conflicted with LJA's Governing Board December meeting.

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

- Students are enjoying the weekly TCBY and appreciate the variety of flavors.
- Home and School is continuing with fundraisers – TCBY weekly sales \$300-330.

### **4.5 Student Council:** No Student Council.

## **5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Survey Results & ABAV Plan 2023 – 2024:** Gloria Cuccarolo presented the survey results and LJA ABAV Plan for 2023-2024. It was reviewed and discussed. Highlights:

- sense of belonging 65% - increase of 8% from last year;
- positive relationships 81% - increase of 6% from last year;
- anxiety 25% - decrease of 7% from last year;
- depression 16% - decrease of 7% from last year;
- self-esteem 76% - increase of 6% from last year;
- feel safe attending school 41% - increase of 5% from last year;
- bullying, exclusion, and harassment 21% - decrease of 3% from last year.

Outcomes that need to be improved are interest & motivation, effort, and self-regulation. The ABAV Plan was presented, revised, and edited. New measures and priorities were put in place. The LJA ABAV Plan will be posted on the school website. The ABAV Plan was approved by Teacher Council.

*LJA-GB071223-04: Kathy Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the LJA Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan for 2023-2024, as presented by the principal, with the amendments, Demetra Papazafiropoulos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**5.2 Subject Time Allocation:** The LJA Subject Time Allocation for 2024-2025 is tabled. It will be presented at the January LJA Governing Board meeting.

### **5.3 Field Trips and ECAs:**



**5.3.1 Escaparium Field Trip:** The Escaparium field trip is scheduled for January 12 & January 19, 2024. Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 Leadership students will visit the Escape Room at the Escaparium. The objective is team building and developing leadership skills. Departure from school 11:30 am and return at 2:30 pm. Transportation is by city bus. The supervision ratio is 1:14 – 2 teachers with 28 students. Part of the cost is covered by the school fees.

*LJA-GB071223-05: Evan Goudis motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the Escaparium Field Trip on January 12 and January 19, 2024, for the Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 Leadership Students, as presented by the principal, Franco Daniele seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

#### **5.4 Fundraisers: None**

#### **5.5 Rentals:**

**5.5.1 Z. Karabatsos:** Rental of \$2,069.55 for soccer and basketball for Z. Karabatsos, for use of the double gym from November 10, 2023, to April 26, 2024.

*LJA-GB071223-06: Evan Goudis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$2,069.55 for Z. Karabatsos (soccer/basketball), for use of the double gym from November 10, 2023, to April 26, 2024, as presented by the principal, Jennifer Charbonneau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**5.5.2 Syndicat Vertical:** Rental of \$100.60 for Syndicat Vertical, for use of one classroom on November 29, 2023.

*LJA-GB071223-07: Evan Goudis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$100.60 for Syndicat Vertical, for the use of one classroom on November 29, 2023, as presented by the principal, Jennifer Charbonneau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**5.5.3 Troupe Folklorique Grecque Syrtaki:** Rental of \$321.93 for Troupe Folklorique Grecque Syrtaki, for the use of the cafeteria for a Christmas celebration on December 15, 2023.

*LJA-GB071223-08: Evan Goudis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$321.93 for Troupe Folklorique Grecque Syrtaki, for use of the cafeteria on December 15, 2023, as presented by the principal, Jennifer Charbonneau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**5.5.4 Chroma Musika:** Rental of \$241.45 for Chroma Musika, for use of the auditorium on October 30, 2024.

*LJA-GB071223-09: Evan Goudis motioned for the LJA Governing Board to approve the rental of \$241.45 for Chroma Musika, for use of the auditorium on October 30, 2024, as presented by the principal, Jennifer Charbonneau 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 LJA Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2024, at 7 pm.

**8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

*LJA-GB071223-10: Nina Rodrigues motioned for the LJA Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm, Donna Bibeau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

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Jenny Georgiopoulos  
Chairperson

*Effie Kontakos*  
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Secretary