



Laval Junior Academy
Notes of the General Assembly of Parents
Wednesday, September 6, 2018

Attendance:

Pino Alberga	Patricia D'Ignazio	Wendy Lavier	George Spiridakis
Anthony Beliotis	Sergio Di Marco	Jenn Morrou	Cindy Vanstone
Marina Beliotis	Maria Garliaris	Terry Paci	Demetra Vriniotis
Katherine Bernes	Rosalia Gracetta	Ailsa Pehi	Laura Wittebol
Eleni Bitsanis	Xuning Gu	Lucy Pereira	Hongwei Zhou
Maria Caruso	Joanne Iannantuono	Pauline Petrou	
Nadia Colozza	Effie Kontakos	Carmelina Schiavone	
Joe Della Sala	Jason Lavier	Laurie Smith	

Principal: Alan Simoneau

Vice-Principal: Helen Kalipolidis

Secretary: Dianna Giustini

Welcome/Opening Remarks:

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

Business Arising:

a) Governing Board: Mr. Simoneau explained the purpose and functions of the Governing Board and its representatives. Decisions made by the Governing Board are in the best interests of the school and all students. The role as a parent is to represent all students, not individual issues. The Governing Board will look at matters such as educational programs, subject time allocation, budget, etc. Governing Board is an open forum and all parents are welcome to attend the meeting. Minutes are posted on the school website.

b) Elections: The Governing Board requires 4 parent representatives each elected for a 2-year term. Half the members are elected on an annual basis. In addition, 2 Alternate Parent Representatives are elected annually.

In total there are 16 members (8 parents, 6 teachers, 1 support staff, 1 professional).

Term is 2 years for parents, 1 year for all other members.

Decisions are made by majority vote. Meetings are held every month with a minimum of 5 per year.

Helen Kalipolidis and Dianna Guistini were the scrutineers for the ballots.

There are 7 terms open for election – 4 two-year terms (regular Parent Representatives), 1 one-year term (regular Parent Representative), and 2 one-year terms (Alternate Parent Representatives).

For 2-year term:

George Spiridakis nominated Tony Beliotis.

Pino Alberga nominated himself.

Nadia Colozza nominated Laura Wittebol.

Laura Wittebol nominated Effie Kontakos.

Maria Caruso nominated herself.

All accepted the nomination and had the opportunity to speak to the group.



The vote was conducted through secret ballot. There was a tie for two of the parents and a second vote was conducted through secret ballot. The following were elected for the 4 two-year terms:
Parent Representatives – Tony Beliotis, Maria Caruso, Effie Kontakos, and Laura Wittebol.

For 1-year term:

Demetra Vriniotis nominated Joanne Iannantuono.

Maria Garliaris nominated Joe Della Sala.

Both accepted the nominations and had the opportunity to speak to the group.

The vote was conducted through secret ballot.

Joe Della Sala was elected for the one-year term as Parent Representative.

For 1-year terms - Alternate Parent Representatives:

Pino Alberga and Patricia D'Ignazio nominated themselves as Alternate Parent Representatives and both were acclaimed.

Parent Committee Delegates:

Out of the 8 parent representatives, one person needs to be elected as a delegate at the Parent Committee meetings held at the school board once a month, and another person as an Alternate Delegate.

Tony Beliotis nominated himself as Parent Committee Delegate and was acclaimed.

Laura Wittebol nominated herself as Alternate Parent Committee Delegate and was acclaimed.

c) PPO: Joanne Iannantuono explained the role of the PPO and encouraged parents to be involved.

Fundraisers are already scheduled for this school year such as TCBY, Aunt Sarah's Chocolate, and Comedy Night. The PPO's e-mail address: lavaljuniorppo@gmail.com

Effie Kontakos motioned for the formation of the PPO, Laura Wittebol seconded, unanimous. Motion carried.

First Governing Board meeting: September 25th or 27th, at 7pm.

Adjournment: George Spiridakis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, Maria Caruso seconded, unanimous. Motion carried.

Notes prepared and submitted by Effie Kontakos.