



Laval Junior Academy Governing Board Minutes Tuesday, October 30, 2018

- Present:** Betty Aliftiras, Tony Beliotis, Patrick Chabot, Nadia Colozza, Joe Della Sala, Dominic Di Stefano, Valerio Gazzola, Maria Katiforis, Effie Kontakos, Shannon Rudolph, Sunday Skoufaras, Maria Tsakris, Laura Wittebol, Alternate members: Pino Alberge (voting) Patrizia D'Ignazio (voting)
Principal: Alan Simoneau Vice-Principals: Helen Kalipolidis, Irene Tsimiklis
- Regrets:** Daniel Bourque, Mary Caruso, Jonathan Gray, Shannon Rudolph
- Guests:** Maria Garliaris, Joanne Iannantuono, Vicky Kaliozakis

0. Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1.0 Adoption of Agenda: No additions.

GB301018-01: Maria Tsakris motioned to approve the agenda, Pino Alberge seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

2.0 Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2018: No amendments.

GB301018-02: Sunday Skoufaras motioned to approve the Minutes of September 25th, Dominic Di Stefano seconded, 13 in favour and 1 abstention.

Motion carried

3.0 Question Period: Question: Why isn't there a football concentration at LJA? Mr. Simoneau responded that this year there was no football concentration due to not enough registrations. A minimum of 25 registrations is required for the concentration to be offered. It will be offered as a course selection for the next school year. It is still an option. It was noted that it is important for students in football to gain experience at the Laval Junior Academy so that when enrolled in the football concentration at Laval Senior Academy, they will be better prepared.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 E-votes since last GB Meeting:

4.1.1 Field Trip Raise Craze – Pink in the City: Ten students from the Sec. 1 & Sec. 2 leadership program will attend an event at McGill University Hospital Centre (MUHC), "Raise Craze: Pink in the City", for a leadership experience in a hospital fundraising event setting and will help to host the SWLSB elementary school students as well. The students will meet at Montmorency Metro at 6:45 am on October 22 to travel by STL/STM with ASL Director Mr. Daniel Johnson. They will return in time for dismissal and return home by bus from LJA. The cost is \$6 per student (travel cost).

GB151018-EV01: Shannon Rudolph motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed field trip "Raise Craze: Pink in the City" for Advanced Student Leadership students on Oct. 22, 2018, Nadia Colozza seconded, 13 votes in favour, 3 abstentions (1 stated abstention and 2 non-voting).

Motion carried

4.1.2 Field Trip Fantastic Beasts 2 at Colossus Movie Theatre: Students will be leaving the school at 8:45am, on November 16th, to walk to Colossus theatre in Centropolis. escorted by their respective Day 6, Period 1 teachers. Cost is \$8 for movie only or \$16 for movie and snack combo (drink and popcorn). Students not participating will stay in school, be supervised, and watch Fantastic Beasts, the first film, in the auditorium.



GB161018-EV02: Sunday Skoufaras motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed field trip *Fantastic Beasts 2* at Colossus Movie Theatre on Friday, November 16, 2018, Shannon Rudolph seconded, 12 votes in favour, 4 abstentions (non-voting). *Motion carried*

4.1.3 Field Trip Armand Frappier Museum: Sec. 1 Science Concentration students will visit the Armand Frappier Museum on October 25, 2018. The students will leave LJA at 8:45 am and will return to school at 1:45 pm. The STL transportation is provided by Armand Frappier. There is no charge to students, already covered in the Science concentration fees. There will be two teachers accompanying the students. Students not participating will be supervised in school.

EV191018-EV03: Patrick Chabot motioned for the Laval Junior Academy Governing Board to approve the proposed field trip to Armand Frappier Museum on October 25, 2018, for Sec. 1 Science Concentration students, Maria Tsakris seconded, 15 votes in favour and 1 abstention (non-voting). *Motion carried*

4.2 Review and Adoption of Internal Rules of Procedure: The Internal Rules were revised and the updated version will be sent out to the Governing Board members for an e-vote.

4.3 Community Representative Nomination & Election: Jimmy Mourelatos was recommended to be LJA's Community Representative. He services all of the Laval schools, conducts workshops, and enjoys being present in the schools. He accepted the nomination.

GB301018-05: Effie Kontakos motioned to elect Jimmy Mourelatos to be LJA's Community Representative, Betty Aliftiras seconded, unanimous. *Motion carried*

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principal

- Final supervision schedule is out.
- Teacher workloads have been finalized.
- Fire drill took place and everything went reasonably well.
- Looking at having lines painted at muster points. This would have to be done during spring/summer.
- Once again, our school board is teaming up with LBPSB and LEARN to produce a high-quality professional development event:
- **Collaborate, Create and Innovate (CCI)** is a full day conference provided by and for educators, with the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in ways that will transform student learning. Participants will leave inspired by:
 - Peer-led COLLABORATION on a local or global scale;
 - CREATION of learning partnerships;
 - INNOVATING new pedagogies.

The keynote speaker is the globally renowned **Darren Kuropatwa**.

We would aim for 17 teachers from Laval Junior Academy to attend.

DETAILS

Date: Friday, November 30th (PEDAGOGICAL DAY for the majority of SWLSB schools)

Location: Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, 13800 Pierrefonds Blvd, Pierrefonds

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration & Coffee: 8:15 a.m.

LUNCH: a **FREE LUNCH** will be provided



- Term ends November 9 which is a ped day. Teachers will be given the day to do corrections, finalize and enter marks, etc.
- Parent night is November 28th. Interviews will take place via appointments scheduled via Parent Interview service. Anticipate 8 min interview time slots for term.
- A number of financial measures have been decentralized to schools. In the near future teachers as a whole will be advised and I will begin seeking input on how some of these funds may be used, but in short:

15186: School outing in a Cultural setting: can only be used in conjunction with organizations listed in the culture-education resource dictionary. The funds can cover up to 100% of cultural outings, including transportation, ticket cost, pre and reinvestment activities as well as administrative costs up to 5%. Taxes cannot be covered. Since I have already received project approval with EMPLM some of these funds will be used to some of the project costs. Staff will be made aware of remaining funds: anticipating 5K. 9.77\$ allocated per student based on 2017 Sept 30 count.

15230: Inspiring schools: 29.52\$ per student: the measure can be used for activities as well as for outings that are not necessarily cultural (i.e. sports, scientific, entrepreneurial, etc.). No terms for eligible expenses are included in the budget rules.

- Dance Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 in November
- Comedy Night on November 9th. Urged to attend.
- ABAV looked over by myself and the ABAV coordinator. Looking for your approval so that we can begin to implement measures.
- Open House was a significant success. Thank you to the staff members, PPO, and GB members.

5.2 Chairperson: Attended the Governing Board workshop at the school board on October 10th. It was informative.

5.3 Parents' Committee:

- Paolo Galati was appointed as Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners by the Council to replace Jennifer Maccarone recently elected to the Quebec National Assembly.
- High School Parent Commissioner is Tony Beliotis.
- James Di Sano is the Commissioner for ward 8 and Anick Brunet is the Commissioner for ward 9.

5.4 PPO:

- The LJA PPO 2018-2019 Financial Statement was distributed to all Governing Board members.
- Back with TCBY after trying La Diperie.
- Aunt Sarah's Chocolate campaign has been extended until November 16th.
- Comedy Night is on November 9th. Have a substantial amount of raffle and door prizes. Tickets \$25.
- PPO would like to send out to parents an 'opt-out' form to give them a choice of opting out from fundraisers but also offering an opportunity to give donations. The donations can be made by cash, credit, or debit but no cheques will be accepted.

GB301018-03: Maria Tsakris motioned to approve the "Opt-Out" form with the changes recommended by Governing Board, Sunday Skoufaras seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

6.0 New Business

6.1 Approval of ABAV Plan 2018-19: The ABAV policy was discussed.

GB301018-04: Sunday Skoufaras motioned to approve the ABAV policy, Nadia Colozza seconded, unanimous. Motion carried



6.2 Field Trips and ECAs:

Ottawa – National Remembrance Day Field Trip: Advanced Student Leadership Program is organizing a trip to Ottawa. Students will travel to Ottawa to participate in our national Remembrance Day ceremony. They will spend time with Canadian leaders and veterans. They will attend the Operation Veteran ceremony prior to the national ceremony at Chateau Laurier. Will visit Beechwood Cemetery. Students will leave from Laval Senior Academy at 5:30 am on Sunday, November 11th, by coach bus, and return by 8:00pm. Contact person is Daniel Johnson.

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts: Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 Art Concentration students will visit the Alexander Calder exhibit at the Museum on November 20th. They will do a hands-on activity with the museum educators. Students will learn about the multi-disciplinary approach to art making including inventing, drawing, sculpting and storytelling. Paid for with program fees. Departure time is 8:45am and will return 2:45pm. Two buses required.

Arundel Winter Sports Trip: Student will be given the outdoor winter experience: snowshoeing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, alpine skiing, nature games and team building games. Date is January 28-31, 2018. Cost is \$275. It is open to all students with a maximum of 46 students.

GB301018-06: Tony motioned to approve the 3 fieldtrips, Patrick Chabot seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

Student Council: The Student Council organizes fundraisers throughout the year in LJA.

GB301018-07: Dominic Di Stefano motioned to approve that the Student Council be given GB approval for their fundraising activity taking place internally within the school and all funds raised will go back to benefit the student body within the same school year, Sunday Skoufaras seconded, 13 in favour and 1 abstention.

Motion carried.

Agape Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Food Basket Drive: Food and monetary donations would be collected to benefit families in our community. The pick up of food and donation will be completed by December 10th and 11th in order for Agape to deliver all the food baskets by December 18th the latest.

GB301018-08: Maria Katiforis motioned to approve the Agape Annual Food Basket Drive, Betty Aliftiras seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.3 Fundraisers: A dance is being organized for students on November 2nd in Block C. The cost is \$7, snacks will also be sold.

GB301018-09: Maria Tsakris motioned to approve the dance on November 2nd, Joe Della Sala seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.4 Rentals: The following rental contracts were presented: Guy Ouellette \$761, Region Nord \$6000+, Lonely Paths \$379, and English Teachers.

GB301018-10: Patrick Chabot motioned to approve the rentals, Tony Beliotis seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried



6.5 Approval of Creation of Designated School Funds:

The following accounts were created: PPO fundraising, PPO TCBY, Library Book, Chocolate Fundraising, Charity Breakfast, Comedy Night, KILN Equipment Fund, and Terry Fox.

GB301018-11: Maria Tsakris motioned to approve the creation of account for school designated funds, Patrick Chabot seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

7.0 Question Period: Vicky Kaliozakis gave accommodation for what Mr. Simoneau is doing for the Indigenous people.

8.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of next GB meeting

8.1 Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7pm

8.2 Cancellation of February 26th meeting and rescheduling the March meeting:

GB-301018-12: Sunday Skoufaras motioned to cancel the February 26th meeting and reschedule the March meeting to the 19th, Patrick Chabot seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

9.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

GB-301018-13: Tony Beliotis motioned to adjourn the meeting, Patrizia D'Ignazio seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Laura Wittebol
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
Secretary