



**Laval Junior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

Present: Suzanne Brazau, Daniel Bourque, Patrick Chabot, Nadia Colozza, Domenic Di Stefano, Valerio Gazzola, Jonathan Gray, Douglas Howarth, Maria Katiforis, Effie Kontakos, Maria La Rocca, Lia Maggiorino, Sunday Skoufaras Kerry Swanson, Laura Wittebol
Principal: Josée Côté Vice Principal: Tina Miscio

Guests: Pina Del Sonno, Cassandra Di Medio, Loukas Nitsos, Kiara Pasin, Eva Ricci

Regrets: Jacques Tardif, Irene Vlachakis
Vice Principal: Helen Kalipolidis

1.0 Opening of Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Josée Côté at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Adoption and Approval of Agenda:

The following were added: 3.4 Community Representative, 4.0 Minutes, 7.0 Question Period, 8.4 Buses, 12.0 Varia

*GB-270917-01: Lia Maggiorino motioned to approve agenda, Kerry Swanson seconded.
14 voted for and 1 abstention. Motion passed*

3.0 Elections:

3.1 Chairperson:

Douglas Howarth nominated himself and seconded by Nadia Colozza.
Valerio Gazzola nominated Suzanne Brazau, Suzanne Brazau declined the nomination.
Laura Wittebol nominated Effie Kontakos, Effie Kontakos declined the nomination.
Laura Wittebol nominated herself and seconded by Kerry Swanson.
Both candidates were given the opportunity to speak to the Governing Board members.

GB-270917-02: Josée Côté motioned to have the vote conducted through secret ballot, Effie Kontakos seconded. Laura Wittebol was elected as Chairperson.

3.2 Vice-chairperson:

Lia Maggiorino nominated Douglas Howarth and Kerry Swanson seconded.
Douglas Howarth accepted the nomination and was acclaimed. (*GB-270917-03 - unanimous*).

3.3 Secretary:

Effie Kontakos nominated herself, and Jonathan Gray seconded.
Effie Kontakos was acclaimed. (*GB-270917-04 - unanimous*).



3.4 Community Representative:
Open position. Tabled for next meeting.

4.0 Approval of Minutes:

- 4.1 June 13, 2017: N/A. Meeting was a supper, no Minutes taken.
- 4.2 Notes from September 21, 2017 General Assembly of Parents: Tabled for next meeting.

5.0 Internal Rules & Procedures:

Tabled for next meeting.

6.0 Calendar of Meetings:

The dates for future meetings were selected. All meetings are scheduled for 7pm in the library.

Thursday, October 26, 2017	Thursday, February 22, 2018	June - TBA
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	Thursday, April 12, 2018	
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Thursday, May 17, 2018	

7.0 Question Period for the Public:

Cassandra De Medio spoke to the Governing Board members to make changes to the present dress code. A petition of 780 signatures was submitted, all of whom would like the mandatory polo shirt dress code be changed to allow a choice of t-shirt, blouse or polo. Also mentioned was the restrictions placed on leggings.

8.0 New Business Arising:

8.1 Programs of Studies Consultation:

The rules for program of studies was discussed with regards to the subject time allocation for English Language Arts. For elementary schools, the school must offer a minimal of 60 minutes of ELA per day. A recommendation was made and discussed to alter the wording of the regulation to replace English Language Arts with English. This amendment would allow for a choice of subjects to be taught in English such as Math or Ethics and not limit it to only English Language Arts.

GB-270917-05 Lia Miaggiorino motioned to approve the amendment, Kerry Swanson seconded, unanimous. Motion passed

8.2 Fieldtrips:

The following fieldtrips were reviewed.

Field Trip:	Sec 1 Science Excellence				
Location:	Musée Armand Frappier	Students:	56	Time:	8:45am-2:50pm
Date:	October 3 & 4, 2017	Teachers:	4	Transport Fee:	\$0 STL by Musée
Grades:	Sec 1	Supervisors:	0	Entrance Fee:	\$0
Organizer:	Mr Boldireff	Ratio:	1:14	Total:	\$8.00

Objective: To learn about allergies and viruses. (2 lab activities)



Field Trip:	Ski and Snowboard Club				
Location:	Mont Avilla	Students:	20-25	Time:	-
Date:	January to March (4x)	Teachers:	3	Transport Fee:	In total price
Grades:	Sec 1 & Sec 2	Supervisors:	0	Entrance Fee:	In total price
Organizer:	Ms Lapenna	Ratio:	1:8	Total:	Approx. \$200

Field Trip:	Maze and Games				
Location:	3281 Jean-Béraud, Laval	Students:	-	Time:	All day
Date:	September 27, 2017	Teachers:	-	Transportation:	Walking
Grades:	DP Gr 60-61-62	Supervisors:	-	Entrance Fee:	\$0
Organizer:	P. Paquette, A. Kallianiotis, K.Stanbra, H. Kouros	Ratio:	-	Total:	\$25.00 with lunch included

Objective: Team building activities involving physical, strategic and social activities.

Field Trip:	Aqua Percept Swimming				
Location:	Pointe Claire Aquatic Centre	Students:	6	Time:	8:30am-1:30pm
Date:	April – June 1x week-10x	Teachers:	1	Transportation:	Yellow bus
Grades:	CASP students	Attendants:	2 +instructors	Entrance Fee:	\$0
Organizer:	Nadia Varano	Ratio:	1:2	Total:	\$105

Objective: Develop gross motor skills and life skills (swim / gym).

Field Trip:	Wonder Special Screening at Colossus Movie Theatre				
Location:	Colossus Laval	Students:	-	Transportation:	Walking
Date:	November 17, 2017	Teachers:	-	Entrance Fee:	\$7.00
Grades:	Sec 1 & Sec 2	Ratio:	-	Combo optional	\$7.00
Organizer:	Marlyn Lypoudis	Time:	9am - lunch	Total:	\$7.00 or \$14.00

Note: Curriculum supported event.

Field Trip:	Leadership Outing				
Location:	Arundel	Students:	55-60	Note:	Food included
Date:	October 18, 19 & 20, 2017	Teachers:	-	Transportation:	Bus
Grades:	Sec 1 & Sec 2	Supervisors:	5	Entrance Fee:	\$0
Organizer:		Ratio:	1:10	Total:	\$0 - No cost

Objective: Maximize outdoor life and leadership skills.

GB-270917-06 Daniel Bourque motioned to approve the 6 fieldtrips, Lia Maggiorino seconded, unanimous. Motion passed



A letter/memo was presented to the members that would be sent out to parents requesting permission to take students out of the classroom throughout the year. The outings would vary depending on the subject teacher. Some recommendations were made and it will be tabled for next meeting. However, for the Diversified Path classes, the permission letter was satisfactory.

GB-270917-07 Kerry Swanson motioned to approve the permission letter, Daniel Bourque seconded, unanimous. Motion passed.

8.3 Rentals:

Rental:	Syndicat Horizontal Carré Chambord				
Day:	October 17, 2017	Time:	7:00–9:00 pm	Total:	\$45.99

Note: Rental of a classroom

Rental:	Region Nord Ouest				
Day:	Aug.11 - June 2, 2017	Time:	-	Total:	\$9203.75

Note: Rental of main hall, cafeteria, auditorium and classrooms.

Rental:	Picai Canada				
Day:	Sept.9-April 14, 2018	Time:	Saturdays	Total:	\$10, 600

Rental:	Cours Propriété Condo				
Day:	August 25, 2017	Time:	-	Total:	\$68.99

Note: Rental of a classroom A132

Rental:	Chroma Musica Laval				
Day:	July 17-28, 2017	Time:	-	Total:	\$13,200

Rental:	Jean Picard Soccer				
Day:	July 18, 2017	Time:	-	Total:	\$68.99

Rental:	Syndicat Horizontal Carré Chambord				
Day:	June 15 & 29, 2017	Time:	-	Total:	\$91

Note: Rental of a classrooms A129 and A132.

Rental:	Long & Mcquaid				
Day:		Time:	-	Total:	\$908

Note: Rental of the auditorium

GB-270917-08 Douglas Howarth motioned to approve all the rentals, Kerry Swanson seconded, unanimous. Motion passed



8.4 Buses:

Douglas Howarth stated a big concern is the STL buses arriving late in the morning. Consequently, many students are late. The STL buses have consistently been arriving late to school. The 198C, Effie Kontakos noted, is consistently late. The School Board and the STL are aware of the problem. Mme Côté acknowledged the problem, which the administration takes seriously, and explained the actions that have been taken to date with the School Board. Douglas Howarth suggested a letter be written to address this issue. The letter will be drafted in consultation with the Principal, and sent to all Governing Board members for review and final approval before sending.

GB-270917-09 Domenic Di Stefano nominated Douglas Howarth to write a letter of complaint regarding the lateness of the STL buses on behalf of the Governing Board. Douglas Howarth accepted the nomination, Lia Maggiorino seconded, unanimous. Motion passed

8.5 Fundraisers:

Helen Kouros would like to organize a Popcorn fundraiser. It would be held throughout the year in the cafeteria at lunch on Day 4 and Day 7. Students will be involved in preparing and selling the popcorn. Profits will go to charity and to DP activities.

GB-270917-010 Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve, Patrick Chabot seconded, unanimous. Motion passed

8.6 Library:

Luanna, the librarian, would like to place all monies received from late fees and lost books into a designated fund. The fund would be used to purchase things for the library.

GB270917-011 Sunday Skoufaras motioned to approve the request, Nadia Colozza seconded, unanimous. Motion passed

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Principal:

- Made to feel welcome very welcome.
- Open House for LJA will be held on November 7, 2017.
- Vasili Karidogiannis will be visiting the school as a result of the car accident that occurred at the front of the school. Perhaps a sign could be placed to prevent left turns and allow only right turns when leaving the side parking lot.

9.2: Parent Delegate:

- When planning trips to the US, ensure contract is negotiated to account for refusal of entry. Include specifications as to refund policy, compensation, etc. Always have a back-up plan if anyone is refused entry.
- It is recommended to submit the names of traveller's names in advance. However, that is still not a guarantee.
- School Board wants Ministry to equalize English school fees with French School Boards.



9.3 PPO:

No report. The PPO has not yet held their first meeting.

10.0 Varia:

10.1 Website:

The LJA website should be updated to include the current members of the Governing Board.

10.2 Dress Code:

The dress code was discussed. Further discussion tabled for the next meeting.

11.0 Correspondence: None.

12.0 Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 pm

GB270917-012 Douglas Howarth motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kerry Swanson seconded, unanimous. Motion passed

Laura Wittebol
Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
Secretary