



**LAVAL SENIOR ACADEMY**  
3200 Souvenir West, Laval, QC H7V 1W9

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**In attendance:**

*Principal:*  
Dena Chronopoulos

*Chairperson:*  
Lisa Chartier (parent)

*Secretary:*  
Kathryn Morrow (parent)

*Parent members:*  
Mary Cataldo, Paul Leal, Lina Miniaci, Orazio De Rosa, Tracy Friedman

*Teacher members:*  
Marcos Helguero, Daniel Desrosiers, Sean Evans, Frank De Luca, Peter Papadeas

*Professional staff:*  
Dominic Di Stefano

*Support staff:*  
Barbara Diamond

*Student representatives:*

*Community members:*  
Angelo Grasso

**In absentia:** Nadia Colozza (parent), Karen Chyfetz (teacher), Jimmy Mourlelatos (community member), Sabrina Sorger, Gabriella Maiorino (students)

**Guests:**

3 Vice-Principals, Katrina Driver (CLC)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson established quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Principal made a presentation to two students, Martina Fazio and Erika Talatinian for their success with a Science project this past school year.

Congratulations were also extended to their teacher, Heather McPherson. (A 3<sup>rd</sup> student, Thomas Rebeiro, also received an award the following morning.)

## 2. ADDITIONS TO/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**LSA/GB-170615-143** It was moved by B. Diamond, seconded by F. De Luca, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby adopts the agenda with the addition of the following item:

5.9 Subject-Time Allocation 2017-18 **CARRIED**

## 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2017

**LSA/GB-170615-144** It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by L. Miniaci, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2017 as circulated.

Voting for: 13 Voting against: 0 Abstaining: 1 **CARRIED**

## 4. RATIFICATION OF E-VOTES

**LSA/GB-170615-145** It was moved by B. Diamond, seconded by S. Evans, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves:

- (A) a field trip by Rugby players to Scores Restaurant on May 24, 2017;
- (B) a field trip by the Creative Minds Quartier to see 'Glitched' at Ecole Filion on June 16, 2017 at no cost to students. **CARRIED**

## 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 City of Laval re School Safety Zone Update

Commissioner Vicky Kalitziak reported that a follow-up meeting with City of Laval officials is set up for August 3<sup>rd</sup> and that the City has agreed to:

- repaint the lines that are no longer visible;
- modify the size of panels currently installed;
- potentially change the angle of the panel as it is presently obstructed by a tree;
- perhaps extend the fence as was done in front of the school;
- no flashing lights at the crossing.

### 5.2 Bell Schedule 2017-18

As mandated, the Chairperson had written a letter to the Council of Commissioners expressing our dissatisfaction with the process of changing the start and end times of LSA for the next school year. Her letter and the response from the Chairperson are included in the package for GB members.

**LSA/GB-170615-146** It was moved by M. Helguero, seconded by B. Diamond, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the Bell Schedule 2017-18 as presented to our meeting on May 17, 2017.

Voting for: 13 Voting against: 1 Abstaining: 0 **CARRIED**

### 5.3 Code of Conduct 2017-18

Following our last GB meeting, surveys were undertaken with students, parents, and teachers as requested. Results are that there will be no colour code next year and that appropriate attire must be worn; administration will be the deciding body on what is acceptable. Many comments were received along with the survey results stating that the community is tired of talking about this matter. The comment was made that the school could have a uniform if a vote was taken and it was approved, but that we cannot specify which supplier the uniform would have to be purchased from.

**LSA/GB-170615-147** It was moved by D. Di Stefano, seconded by F. De Luca, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the revised Code of Conduct for 2017-18 as presented to this meeting. **CARRIED**

### 5.4 Disbursement of GB Secretary Funds

**LSA/GB-170615-148** It was moved by K. Morrow, seconded by L. Chartier, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the amount of \$715 (which is \$65 per meeting for 11 meetings which would have been paid to the Recording Secretary) be designated as follows:

1. \$375 for paint, brushes, gloves, etc., for the breezeway refurbishing project;
2. \$150 for the animal therapy project for special needs students;
3. \$150 for tools and parts for the construction and repair projects undertaken by WOTP students;
4. \$50 for school lunch 'tickets'.

**CARRIED**

### 5.5 Use of Residue of GB Funds

**LSA/GB-170615-149** It was moved by P. Leal, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the residue of Governing Board funds, approximately \$260, be used to offset the cost of dessert and coffee for the GB supper to follow this meeting. **CARRIED**

### 5.6 TV Series "13 Reasons Why"

Both T. Friedman and P. Leal commented on this recent TV series and its effects on teenagers. They encouraged everyone to watch the series in order to know how to address the subject with their child – and the subject is not suicide, but rather the bullying which led to that ending. Both felt that while the memo from the school was useful (it was meant to trigger parents to speak about these matters with their children), what would be even better would be to involve the students themselves in the process, to make them aware that help is available and were to access it. Discussion ensued and opinions were expressed about peer mediation groups, etc. This topic will be raised again in the fall with the new principal.

### 5.7 Report from 2016-17 ABAV Plan

The Principal explained that all incidents are entered into the computer system and the information goes to the Director General. Schools are not able to extract reports. We would like to see quarterly or half-year reports to know if our ABAV plan is working or where it needs to be tweaked. There will be a report presented to this GB in the fall on the results of 2016-17.

**LSA/GB-170615-150** It was moved by P. Leal, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby mandates the Chairperson to write a letter to the Director General indicating the need for schools to be able to access quarterly reports from their individual ABAV plans. **CARRIED**

#### 5.8 Breezeway Improvements Update

P. Papadeas reported that there are new benches and picnic tables, that everything has been painted, flowers and shrubs have been planted – the area has been totally changed and that many students are hanging out there now.

#### 5.9 Subject-Time Allocation 2017-18

**LSA/GB-170615-151** It was moved by O. De Rosa, seconded by M. Helguero, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the modified subject-time allocation for 2017-18 as presented to this meeting. **CARRIED**

### 6. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### 8. **RENTALS**

**LSA/GB-170615-152** It was moved by B. Diamond, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the following rentals:

- (A) of the gymnasiums by Regroupement Loisir et Sport Quebec for basketball from April 24 to August 28, 2017 at a cost of \$1345.21;
- (B) of the gymnasiums by Ligue de Basketball Senior Rebelle Rive-Nord for basketball and volleyball from May 1 to August 30, 2017 at a cost of \$6243.14;
- (C) of the football field by Pink in the City for a Zumba-a-thon on June 4, 2017 at no charge;
- (D) of the gymnasium by Volleyball Equinoxe de Laval for volleyball from June 1 to August 31, 2017 at a cost of \$663.99. **CARRIED**

### 9. **FIELD TRIPS**

**LSA/GB-170615-153** It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by B. Diamond, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves a field trip of

Music Excellence students to the Montreal Symphony Orchestra on October 5, 2017 at a cost of \$25 per student (which will come from Excellence fees). **CARRIED**

## 10 **FUND RAISERS**

None.

## 11. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

None.

## 12. **REPORTS**

### 12.1 Chairperson's Report/Correspondence

L. Chartier reported on:

- Code of Conduct error; survey re colour code;
- Administrative posts;
- Non-consultation re start/finish times for 2017-18;
- Gala's; remedial options for students;
- Thank you to all and best wishes to our Principal.

### 12.2 Principal's Report

D. Chronopoulos reported on:

- All but 7.3% of school fees collected;
- La Ronde; girls' rugby; track & field;
- Young Author's recognition;
- Creative Minds Quartier graduation ceremony;
- Thank you to all.

The Principal also presented an annual report for the CLC, as well as, in conjunction with the GB Chairperson, the annual report for the GB for 2016-17 which outlined all of the activities undertaken by this GB this past year.

As well, the Principal presented a budget statement to June 13, 2017 and went over some of the figures in the report. This will be looked at again at a GB meeting in the fall once the final end-of-year figures have gone through the books.

### 12.3 Parents' Committee Report

T. Friedman reported on:

- Concerns re US border crossing;
- Budget highlights.

### 12.4 Teacher Council Report

F. De Luca reported on:

- A letter from Teacher Council formally requesting the allocation of smaller (low ratio) adapted groups for 2017-18;

- A letter from the School Level Special Needs Committee requesting additional teacher and attendant allocations.

#### 12.5 PPO Report

**LSA/GB-170615-154** It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by L. Miniaci, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the graduating class receive \$400 from the PPO for a photo booth at the graduation dance.

Voting for: 13    Voting against: 1    Abstaining: 0                    **CARRIED**

A comment was made that PPO funds are usually raised for specific projects and that any excess funds should be distributed equally to all grade levels, not just the graduating class.

#### 12.6 Student Council Report

None.

NOTE:        F. De Luca left the meeting; time 7:00 p.m.

#### 13. **OTHER BUSINESS/VARIA**

None.

#### 14 **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

#### 15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

General Assembly of Parents: Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Parents up for election: M. Cataldo, L. Miniaci, N. Colozza, K. Morrow

Parent with 1-year term remaining whose child will no longer be at LSA who must be replaced for that term: T. Friedman.

#### 16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**LSA/GB-170615-155** It was moved by O. De Rosa, seconded by P. Papadeas, that the meeting adjourns; time 7:08 p.m.

SIGNED AT LAVAL, QUEBEC, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2017

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Lisa Chartier, Chairperson

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Kathryn Morrow, Secretary