



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

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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

**In attendance:**

*Principal:*

Nathalie Rollin

*Chairperson:*

Lisa Chartier (parent)

*Secretary:*

Kathryn Morrow (parent)

*Parent members:*

Paul Leal, Orazio De Rosa, Mary Caruso, Peter Di Loreto, Tony Beliotis

*Teacher members:*

Sean Evans, Frank De Luca, Gary Yip, Marcos Helguero

*Professional staff:*

*Support staff:*

*Student representatives:*

*Community members:*

Katrina Driver

**In absentia:** Jimmy Abraham (parent), Mark Sanchini (teacher), Barbara Diamond (support), Dominic Di Stefano (professional), Ailish Troughton, David Abraham (students)

**Guests:**

3 Vice-Principals

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson established quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## 2. ADDITIONS TO/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**LSA/GB-171214-034** It was moved by M. Caruso, seconded by T. Beliotis that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby adopts the agenda with the addition of the following items:

5.6 ABAV Plan 2017-18

11.2 Imaginart

**CARRIED**

## 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017

**LSA/GB-171214-035** It was moved by O. De Rosa, seconded by L. Chartier, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2017 as circulated.

Voting for: 8                      Voting against: 0                      Abstaining: 3                      **CARRIED**

## 4. RATIFICATION OF E-VOTES

**LSA/GB-171214-036** It was moved by S. Evans, seconded by G. Yip, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves:

(A) History Tutoring (15 hours) at a cost of \$30;

(B) Casino Night on March 23, 2018 at The Palace in conjunction with LJA;

(C) Field trip by Sec. 5 students to Dawson College on January 24, 2018;

(D) Field Trip by Music Excellence students to tour elementary schools on January 17, 18, 19, 2018\*; (1 abstention)

(E) Field Trip by Sec. 5 soccer students to JFK Elementary School on February 15 or 16, 2018. **CARRIED**

\*A parent asked that administration ensure that students who are representing our school and school community in this manner are able make up the classes they are missing and any tests/quizzes that might take place while they are out of school.

## 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 Update on School Safety Zone

The Principal reported that there is a meeting scheduled for next week between the Laval Police Department, the Director General and the Secretary General, to which she has been invited. Our requests will again be brought up, including a speed bump.

A request was also made that the Principal raise with the school board the issue of our parking lot and the very poor circulation flow. She will consult with teachers to come up with a plan to present to the board.

### 5.2 Appointment of Second Community Member

The Chairperson reported that she had heard not back from the party who had seemed interested, so asked that the Principal repost the request for a second community member.

### 5.3 Standing Resolutions and Fund-Raising Calendar

An up-to-date listing of field trips, fundraisers and standing resolutions had been circulated to GB members.

### 5.4 3-Year Plan

The Chairperson reported that she had been informed that the 3-year plan was brought to the Parents' Committee for approval, not to GB's. However, as she stated, the PC delegate cannot vote on our behalf if we don't even see the plan. It needs to come to GB well in advance of the consultation period so that individual GB's can comment or correct.

### 5.5 Hunger / Breakfast Club

K. Morrow spoke of her concern upon hearing that students come to school hungry, not having had breakfast and with no money or food for lunch. She asked that some of the GB recording secretary funds to which she has access be advanced to help in some way now and not wait until the end of the school year.

**LSA/GB-171214-037** It was moved by K. Morrow, seconded by P. Leal, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the amount of \$260 (\$65 per meeting x 4 meetings held to date) be given to school administration for the purchase of food vouchers to be given to students in need. **CARRIED**

### 5.6 ABAV Plan 2017-18

The Principal presented the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan in effect at LSA for the 2017-18 school year. She read out to GB members the proposed changes

**LSA/GB-171214-038** It was moved by T. Beliotis, seconded by P. Di Loreto, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the ABAV Plan for 2017-18 as presented to this meeting.

Voting for: 9      Voting against: 0      Abstaining: 2      **CARRIED**

For the record, the committee who prepared the plan wanted it known that the school board had given schools a template in which they had to work and present the plan. It was not conducive to what we wanted to produce and prevented us from doing what we felt we needed. They felt that each school should have its own ABAV plan, tailor made to be unique to that school. It was pointed out that a new document should not be needed every year, but the one in effect should just need to be tweaked.

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

It was pointed out that the school website was updated to include up-to-date GB information. As well, it seems that many parents have concerns and questions and are told to come to the public GB meetings, but, of course, never show up!

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7.1 Excellence (Concentration) Programmes

The Principal reported that subject-time allocation for 2018-19 is currently being discussed with teachers. As of next year, 'excellence' programmes will be called 'concentration' programmes at both LJA and LSA. They will be presented and promoted as programmes that continue from junior to senior high school and are aligned. "Excellence" has a connotation as a community for elite students, wherein the school is picking and choosing which students enter into the programme, that there is a requirement to get in and that students are chosen for their abilities. 'Concentration' means that the student has an interest in a subject, not that they necessarily excel in the subject, but that it is something they enjoy, while still maintaining a high academic level. G. Yip was advised that he should communicate any issues with the concentration programmes to both the Principal and Chairperson.

### 7.2 Carnival Week Activities

The Chairperson reported that this subject had been discussed at last year's GB after it had been reported that approximately 200-300 of the 1600 students in LSA had participated in the ski and/or tubing outings offered for carnival week. The rest of the student population had stayed home and this turned into 2 days off just prior to spring break. GB had suggested some alternatives to this and administration has listened. It has been discussed with TC and things are being planned.

### 7.3 Student Success

The Chairperson complimented the school on the parent-teacher interview system in place for first term report cards. The only hitch is those parents who do not make appointments but do show up and butt into line. It was suggested that teachers have a "Request for Communication sheet" in their classroom for just such interlopers so that they can be communicated with at another time while respecting the integrity of those who had registered for interviews.

Discussion took place concerning those students for whom a drastic change occurs between the first communication where no marks appear and the first report card where marks are shown. Parents are sometimes shocked at the differential and wonder how things could go so wrong in such a short time. It was stated that for the second interview session, appointments are prioritized for students having difficulties; however, it was pointed out that it was sometimes too late by that point and perhaps this policy should be implemented for first term as well.

To summarize, it should be a 3-prong system (teacher-parent-student) to help our students succeed.

#### 7.4 MESA Report 2016-17

The Principal circulated the Management and Educational Success Agreement for 2016-17.

### 8 **RENTALS**

None.

### 9. **FIELD TRIPS**

**LSA/GB-171214-039** It was moved by M. Caruso, seconded by P. Di Loreto, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves:

- (A) a field trip for 40 Leadership students on January 23, 2018 to Laval Junior Academy at a cost of \$10 per student;
- (B) a field trip to New York City and Philadelphia for up to 40 Secondary 4 and 5 students on April 27-29-2018 at a cost of \$495 per student;
- (C) a field trip for 43 Secondary 3 and 5 Soccer Excellence students on January 23, 2018 to Escalade at no cost to students. **CARRIED**

NOTE: F. De Luca left the meeting; time 8:40 p.m.

### 10. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

None.

### 11 **FUND RAISERS**

**LSA/GB-171214-040** It was moved by P. Leal, seconded by T. Beliotis, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the following fundraisers:

- (A) sale of TCBY by PPO at \$3 each;
- (B) Imaginart will sell hot chocolate at \$1.50 each in January to raise money for painting supplies. **CARRIED**

### 12. **REPORTS**

#### 12.1 Chairperson's Report/Correspondence

L. Chartier reported on:

- Parent-teacher conferences and report cards;
- CLC Community conversation evening;
- Music concert, Rock of Ages concert this Friday, community breakfast on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Foundation Gala in January.

## 12.2 Student Council Report

A. Troughton sent a report which the Principal read:

- Food drive and sock drive ongoing; planning for Community Breakfast;
- Bullying awareness month in January, 'Pink in the City' plans.

## 12.3 Principal's Report

N. Rollin reported on:

- Parent-teacher night; music concerts; dinner theatre;
- Started discussions about STA for next year;
- Increased security (24 extra cameras around the school);
- Lockdown drill;
- \$1400 grant from the SWL Foundation – bought sensory equipment for the Challenges class;
- Grant of \$21,000 from 'Regroupement Lavalloise pour la Reussite' for literacy;
- Locks and keys for classrooms going to be changed;
- Rock of Ages concert and Community Breakfast upcoming;
- Robotics hosted by LSA on February 1, 2, 3, 2018;
- Awards Night on May 24, 2018 at The Embassy.

**LSA/GB-171214-041** It was moved by P. Leal, seconded by O. De Rosa, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the meeting be extended by 30 minutes to 9:30 p.m. **CARRIED**

## 12.4 Parents' Committee Report

T. Beliotis reported on:

- Increased Adult and Vocational education courses offered by SWL;
- Equalization of taxation in all areas of Quebec; our rate will go from 35¢ to 23¢ and valuations will be lowered;
- The 2018-19 draft calendar was circulated; our GB has no comments;
- EPCA has sent out a survey on school fees, which members were urged to complete.

## 12.5 Teacher Council Report

M. Sanchini sent in a written report:

- Xmas exam week; supervision at community breakfast;
- Locks on classroom doors;
- Discussion of subject-time allocation;
- Possibility of awards night in September rather than May.

M. Helguero wanted it noted that the second Europe trip for 2019 was not voted on at Teacher Council.

## 12.6 PPO Report

P. Papadeas reported on:

- Plans are underway for the Casino Night at The Palace on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with LJA;
- Help will be given for the Robotics Competition in February.

#### 12.7 CLC Report

K. Driver sent in a written report:

- Rethinking Waste project; Co-Creation project with Marguerite-Bourgeois SB;
- Imaginart Cooperative projects;
- 'It Takes a Village' community conversation evening;
- Seniors Leading the Way project; Promoting Family Literacy project.

K. Driver reported that even more community groups have now reached out to her after the community evening.

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

None.

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

None.

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

*THURSDAY, January 11, 2018*

#### 16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**LSA/GB-171214-042** It was moved by O. De Rosa, seconded by G. Yip, that the meeting adjourns; time 9:10 p.m.

SIGNED AT LAVAL, QUEBEC, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

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Lisa Chartier, Chairperson

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Kathryn Morrow, Secretary