



LAVAL SENIOR ACADEMY

3200 Souvenir West, Laval, QC H7V 1W9

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 23, 2017**

In attendance:

Principal:
Dena Chronopoulos

Chairperson:
Lisa Chartier (parent)

Secretary:
Kathryn Morrow (parent)

Parent members:
Nadia Colozza, Mary Cataldo (7:30 p.m.), Lina Miniaci, Orazio De Rosa, Paul Leal, Tracy Friedman

Teacher members:
Daniel Desrosiers, Marcos Helguero, Peter Papadeas

Professional staff:

Support staff:
Barbara Diamond

Student representatives:
Sabrina Sorger

Community members:

In absentia : Eleni Albanis (student), Jimmy Mourlelatos, Angelo Grasso (community members), Sean Evans, Renata Isopo, Frank De Luca (teachers), Dominic Di Sefano (professional)

Guests:
1 Vice-Principal, Katrina Driver, George Kalimeris

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson established quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

LSA/GB-170223-082 It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by B. Diamond, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby adopts the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

3. PRESENTATION OF YMCA PROGRAMME "ALTERNATIVE SUSPENSION"

George Kalimeris, National Director for School Success at the YMCA, gave a presentation on their programme entitled "Alternative Suspension". Mr. Kalimeris explained that they feel a suspension is a pre-cursor to future problems and that a traditional suspension from school is a missed opportunity. Their programme has 7 essential elements which make up the programme. The parents are involved right from the beginning when they are informed by the school that their child could benefit from this service, as they have to approve that the child enters into it. Students are taken out of the environment which is causing the problem, but there is no break in schooling. In response to a question, it was stated that current school boards send approximately 90 students per year, usually about 6 at a time for a stay of from 3-5 days. The funding of the programme is done through monies received from a grant from the government. Both Laval Senior and Laval Junior would be using this tool.

4. PRESENTATION BY KATRINA DRIVER, CLC AGENT

Katrina Driver, the CLC agent at the LSA Community Learning Centre, gave a brief rundown of the ongoing and planned projects for this and the coming year. They include photography workshops for both staff and students, a HydroFlora Concordia presentation to staff, etc. She stressed that she is familiarizing herself with students and staff and wants to come forward with projects that enrich learning.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 AND JANUARY 10, 2017

LSA/GB-170223-083 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2016 as circulated.

Voting for: 10 Voting against: 0 Abstaining: 3 **CARRIED**

LSA/GB-170223-084 It was moved by L. Miniaci, seconded by P. Papadeas, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby accepts the minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2017 with the following correction:

p.2, resolution #078: change H. Helguero to M. Helguero
Voting for: 10 Voting against: 0 Abstaining: 3 **CARRIED**

6. RATIFICATION OF E-VOTES

Modifications to field trips passed at meeting of December 8, 2016 (LSA/GB-161208-069):

- (A) Music Excellence to MSO on April 11th – 3 teachers will accompany;
- (D) Soccer Excellence to Action Directe on February 8th – 3 teachers will accompany
- (E) Secondary 3, 4, & 5 students to St. Sauveur and Mont Avila on January 13th and February 28th – 3 teachers will accompany;
- (F) WOTP students to Walmart on January 26th – 10 students with 1 teacher.

The field trip to Walmart (LSA/GB-161208-069 (F) on January 26, 2017 is postponed.

LSA/GB-170223-085 It was moved by B. Diamond, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves:

- (A) a field trip to the Opera on January 26, 2017 at a cost of \$15 per student to cover the cost of the bus;
- (B) a field trip by 44 Secondary 3 History students to Old Montreal on February 3 or 10, 2017 at a cost of \$20 per student;
- (C) a field trip by the Active Group to Radio Canada on February 16, 2017 at a cost of \$35 per student;
- (D) a field trip for Secondary 4 and 5 students to the Robotics Competition at Vanier College on February 16-18, 2017 at a cost of \$20 plus bus fare;
- (E) a field trip for 30 Secondary 4 students to the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital on February 20, 2017 at no cost to students;
- (F) a field trip for Soccer and Football Excellence students to Mont Avila for tubing on February 22, 2017 at a cost of \$40 per student (or \$60 with rental of equipment); **1 against**
- (G) a field trip for Football Excellence students to Escalade Action Directe for rock climbing on February 28, 2017 at a cost of \$30 per student; **1 against**
- (H) a field trip for Secondary 4 and 5 students in Enriched Science to a Science Fair at Concordia University on March 26-28, 2016 at no cost to students;
- (I) a field trip by members of the Strategy Games Club to two store locations in Verdun on March 31, 2017 at a cost of \$8 per student; **1 abstain**
- (J) a field trip by 13 students to WE Day at St. Denis Theatre on February 24, 2017 at no cost to students;
- (K) the use of LSA premises for LSA Leadership Day on February 17, 2017 wherein Grade 6 students from feeder elementary schools are invited for an activity-filled day (which will include hockey); buses to be subsidized by LSA;

(L) the use of LSA premises for a Magic Tournament on May 6 & 7, 2017 for students aged 13-19 to participate in a gaming tournament at a cost of \$5 per child, profits to go to the Strategy Games Club; 1 abstain

(M) the raffling of concert tickets for "The Weeknd" on May 30, 2017 at a cost of \$2 each or 3 for \$5, profits to go to the Football Excellence programme; 2 against

(N) as an addition to La Friperie already approved (LSA/GB-161208-071) a fundraising project by WOTP and Challenge students to buy supplies to fill back packs to be donated to needy students; 1 abstain

(O) a bake sale on parent/teacher night (February 16, 2017) and on Valentine's Day (February 14, 2017) by the Grad Committee; 1 against

(P) the sale of a DVD of the 2016 Grad Ceremony to all interested former graduates at a cost of \$5, profits going to the Grad Committee (this was not included in the package cost for graduates last year, but will be included for 2017).

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Appointment of New Parent Member of GB

LSA/GB-170223-087 It was moved by M. Cataldo, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the appointment of Orazio De Rosa as a parent member of the LSA Governing Board for the remainder of the 2-year term vacated by Silvia Messercola. **CARRIED**

7.2 City of Laval re School Safety Zone Update

Tabled.

7.3 Intercom System/Maintenance Contract

The Principal reported that the work is not yet completed and they are doing 'fine tuning' of the system. Tabled.

7.4 Respect Committee Follow-Up

To be done through ABAV. Tabled.

7.5 Concerns re Deed of Establishment and/or Enrollment Criteria

The Chairperson reported that although we received information from the school board that the Parents' Committee will be the only body receiving a request for input, as per the requirements in the law, nothing would prevent us from expressing an opinion if we felt there had been, for example, changes to our school.

This Governing Board feels that we should be updated yearly, as has always been done.

LSA/GB-170223-088 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by B. Diamond, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby agrees that the Chairperson write a letter from this Governing Board to the Council of Commissioners asking that the school board revert to the previous method of consultation on Enrollment Criteria and Deeds of Establish/3-Year Plan in that individual Governing Boards are shown the documents on a yearly basis and invited to comment. **CARRIED**

7.6 ABAV Plan 2016-17

LSA/GB-170223-089 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by M. Cataldo, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the ABAV Plan for 2016-17, as consulted with Teacher Council and approved by them.
Voting for: 12 Voting against: 0 Abstaining: 1 **CARRIED**

7.7 MESA 2016-17

In response to a question, it was stated that the school's Educational Project is the ABAV and the MESA together; it is a fluid, on-going document which can be changed when the school deems it necessary. It can be kept for up to three years, when the school board changes its mission; it is the groundwork on which to build and can be updated when the school feels the need.

LSA/GB-170223-090 It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by B. Diamond, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the MESA Plan for 2016-17, as consulted with Teacher Council and approved by them.
Voting for: 10 Voting against: 1 Abstaining: 2 **CARRIED**

7.8 Criteria for the Selection of the Principal

LSA/GB-170223-091 It was moved by N. Colozza, seconded by L. Miniaci, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby agrees on the following selection criteria for the principal of Laval Senior Academy:

1. relevant experience at the secondary level;
2. relevant experience with large schools (we suggest 600+ students);
3. strong pedagogical skills and a demonstrated ability to provide ongoing and timely support to staff in a culture of teamwork;
4. understanding and appreciation of the school's culturally diverse community, including knowledge of and participation in it;
5. experience in psychology and/or special education;
6. experience working with children with diagnosed special needs, including those with social, emotional and behaviour issues.

As well, we would like to emphasize:

7. tangible demonstration of willingness to work in harmony with other school administrators, all levels of school staff, as well as parents in order to develop a strong team spirit and cohesive approach;
8. good communication skills in order to foster unity between all levels and aspects of the school community;
9. superior leadership skills in order to create a strong and empowered school team.

Also, we feel it is important in a school of this size to have competent and experienced vice-principals to work with the principal and to this end hereby request that there also be strict criteria for the selection of secondary vice-principals.

CARRIED

8. **QUESTION PERIOD\ FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Election of Vice-Chairperson

LSA/GB-170223-092 It was moved by P. Leal, seconded by L. Chartier, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the appointment of Mary Cataldo as Vice-Chairperson of the LSA Governing Board for the 2016-17 school year.

CARRIED

10. **RENTALS**

The Principal was pleased to report that unpaid rental monies had been collected from The Conservative Party of Canada.

LSA/GB-170223-093 It was moved by B. Diamond, seconded by P. Papadeas, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves

- (A) Academie culturelle de Laval for soccer on January 29, 2017 at a cost of \$810.57;
- (B) Fkco/Sutogure Dojo for karate classes from January 13, 2017 to June 16, 2017 at a cost of \$1011.78;
- (C) U10 Girls' Chomedey Soccer for soccer from January 10, 2017 to May 16, 2017 at a cost of \$626.61
- (D) Ligue de basketball senior Rebelle rive-nord for basketball and volleyball from January 9, 2017 top April 26, 2017 at a cost of \$8243.71
- (E) Embrionix Design Inc. for soccer from February 6, 2017 to April 10, 2017 at a cost of \$690.59;
- (F) C. Papafilipakis and/or K. Ferri for soccer from January 23, 2017 to April 10, 2017 at a cost of \$482.90;
- (G) Angela Kyparissis for basketball from January 9, 2017 top April 4, 2017 at a cost of \$1552.16;
- (H) Centre d'assistance mondiale Armenienne for soccer from January 24, 2017 to April 27, 2017 at a cost of \$1690.13;

- (I) Joe Mancini for basketball on February 3 and 17, 2017 at a cost of \$120.72;
(J) Rugby Nomades de Laval for rugby from February 21, 2017 to March 28, 2017 at a cost of \$505.89. **CARRIED**

11. FIELD TRIPS

LSA/GB-170223-094 It was moved by M. Helguero, seconded by N. Colozza, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the following field trips:

- (A) Secondary 5 Art Excellence students to the Musee d'art contemporain de Montreal on March 14, 2017 at a cost of \$11 per student (plus optional supper cost);
(B) Secondary 3 & 4 Soccer Excellence students to Bois de Boulogne on March 20, 2017 at no charge to students;
(C) Ten (10) Student Council students to a Conference on Radicalization on March 28, 2017 at no cost to students;
(D) Secondary 5 Soccer Excellence students to Bois de Boulogne on March 28, 2017 at no charge to students;
(E) Secondary 3 students (100) to the Mint in Ottawa on April 12, 2017 at a cost of between \$30-50 per student;
(F) Secondary 3 & 4 Soccer Excellence students to Rosemere High School on April 24, 2017 at no charge to students;
(G) Secondary 4 and 5 students to New York City on May 5-7, 2017 at a cost of \$499 per student. **1 abstention, 1 against** **CARRIED**

It was noted that the tubing trip on February 22nd and the rock climbing trip on February 28th are cancelled.

L. Chartier spoke to a letter which had been sent from EF Tours in December to the parents of the 152 students going on the Europe 2017 trip asking for an extra \$165 (\$145 for tipping on the trip and \$20 for a video of the trip). The request for extra money for this trip was not included in the documentation given to parents and did not come before Governing Board at any time after the approval of the trip.

LSA/GB-170223-095 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by T. Friedman, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the meeting be extended to 9:30 p.m. **CARRIED**

Discussion ensued and included the topics of tipping (is it mandatory? customary?), conflict of interest, only school staff to be on tours with our students, tipping guidelines, transparency, all amounts to be known in advance, soliciting money from parents without Governing Board approval, non-school personnel on trips, etc.

LSA/GB-170223-096 It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by P. Leal, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby rejects the mandatory sale of a video for the Europe 2017 trip and that the parents who have already paid the \$20 fee be refunded prior to the departure date of the trip, i.e., by Thursday, March 2, 2017. **CARRIED**

LSA/GB-170223-097 It was moved by T. Friedman, seconded by P. Leal, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby requests a revision of the tip amounts shown for the Europe 2017 trip to match those amounts shown on the EF Tours website, i.e., bus drivers \$6, tour directors \$3, tour guides \$1 for an approximate total of \$10 per day and that the parents who have overpaid be refunded prior to the departure date of the trip, e., by Thursday, March 2, 2017.

CARRIED

12 **FUND RAISERS**

None.

13. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

None.

14. **REPORTS**

14.1 Chairperson's Report/Correspondence

L. Chartier reported on:

- SWL Foundation Gala, Blue & Gold Revue, Open House.

14.2 Principal's Report

D. Chronopoulos reported on:

- Alternative Suspension programme;
- School perseverance week, drug prevention week, Partners for Life;
- School participation on radicalization;
- "Tell them from me" survey;
- Open house; upgrading school premises; school fees update;
- Science Fair, English Dept. International Fair; Music Excellence school tour;
- Course selection information assemblies, Term 2 reports; parent-teacher night;
- Handball, volleyball, soccer, dodgeball intramurals;
- Hockey excellence tournament;
- Robotics competition; Blue & Gold Revue, Theatre Excellence presentation;
- Alouettes visit; volunteerism recognition.

LSA/GB-170223-098 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by O. De Rosa, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves that the Alternative Suspension programme through the YMCA, as presented earlier this evening to this meeting, be implemented at LSA for the 2017-18 school and that it be funded by grant monies available to the school.

CARRIED

The Principal spoke of the Active programme in the school whereby at-risk students visit various Vocational Education programmes in the province. The subject-time allocation for 2017-18 will be status quo, but the programme needs to apply for a grant. Teachers confirmed that this information will be brought to Teacher Council.

LSA/GB-170223-099 It was moved by P. Papadeas, seconded by L. Miniaci, that the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board hereby approves the continuation of the Active Programme at LSA for 2017-18 and that the subject-time allocation for 2017-18, which is status quo, as presented to this meeting be approved.

CARRIED

14.3 Parents' Committee Report

No report.

14.4 Teacher Council Report

No report.

14.5 PPO Report

No report.

14.6 Student Council Report

S. Sorger reported on the Valentine's Day sales, as well as the recent Leadership Day.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS/VARIA**

15.1 Explanation of Provincial Exams and Accommodation

Tabled

16 **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 23, 2017

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

LSA/GB-170223-100 It was moved by M. Helguero, seconded by S. Sorger, that the meeting adjourns; time 9:33 p.m.

SIGNED AT LAVAL, QUEBEC, this 23rd day of March 2017

Lisa Chartier, Chairperson

Kathryn Morrow, Secretary