



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

Present: Jimmy Abraham, Suzanne Brazau, Geoff Cowley, Franco De Luca, Dominic Di Stefano, Maria Gaitanis, Noura Helal, Douglas Howarth, Effie Kontakos, Ailsa Pehi, Elena Scalzo
Community Representative: Katrina Driver Substitute member: Palmina Ioannone (voting)
Student Council President: Francesco Renda

Principal: Natalie Rollin Vice-Principal: Sonia Garofalo, Vicki Krawczyk and Melissa Rioux

Regrets: Tony Beliotis, Alex Bon-Miller, Donald Cookson, James Cordeiro-Pereira, Karine Mainguy, Natasha Reynolds

1.0 Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Abraham at 7:02 pm. Natasha Reynolds resigned as parent member of the Governing Board. Substitute members Palmina Ioannone and Effie Kontakos are replacing the two absent parent members.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda: An addition was made 7.2 Resignation of Governing Board member and Nomination.
LSA-GB031219-01: Elena Scalzo motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, Maria Gaitanis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Acceptance of Minutes of November 5, 2019: No amendments.
LSA-GB031219-02: Ailsa Pehi motioned to approve the Minutes of November 5, 2019, Elena Scalzo seconded unanimous. Motion carried

4.0 Ratification of E-votes: To be ratified at the next meeting.
4.1 E-vote October 23 Mrodecai Richler's Birthplace Trip: Two English classes for Sec. 5 will be visiting Mrodecai Richler's Birthplace, a Jewish synagogue and Sun Youth on October 25th with two teachers. Time is periods 2, 3 & 4. No cost to students. Students will bring their own lunch. Travel by public transportation. Students will gain a better understanding and appreciation of Mrodecai Richler's The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz that the students are reading in class.

LSA-GB231019-EV01: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Mrodecai Richler's Birthplace field trip on October 25th, Suzanne Brazau seconded, 9 in favour and 7 abstentions. Motion carried

4.2 E-vote October 23 Centaur Theatre Field Trip: One class of Sec. 3 students will visit Centaur Theatre on October 30th with two teachers. Field trip is from 10:20-3:35pm. Travel by public transportation. No costs to students. Cost is \$16 per students paid by the School Outings Measure.
LSA-GB231019-EV02: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Centaur Theatre Field Trip on October 30th, Suzanne Brazau seconded, 8 in favour, 1 against and 7 abstentions. Motion carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

6.0 Question Period from the Public: None.



7.0 New Business:

7.1 Code of Conduct 2019-2020 Update: The Code of Conduct was distributed and reviewed.

LSA-GB031219-03: Geoff Cowley motioned to approve the Code of Conduct 2019-2020, Noura Helal seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

7.2 Resignation of Governing Board Member and Nomination: Natasha Reynolds resigned from her 2-year term as parent representative on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board. There is now an open position. The LSA Governing Board has two Substitute members elected at the General Assembly that would be eligible to fill the open position. The Internal Rules will be amended to include resignation of members.

LSA-GB031219-04: Jimmy Abraham motioned to proceed with an election to have one of two Substitute Governing Board members be elected to fill the open position resulting from the resignation of Natasha Reynolds, Ailsa Pehi seconded, 10 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

LSA-GB031219-05: Palmina Ioannone motioned to nominate Effie Kontakos as a Parent Representative to the LSA Governing Board for a 2-year term, Maria Gaitanis seconded, 11 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

By acclamation, Effie Kontakos was elected as Parent Governing Board member for a 2-year term on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board.

8.0 Field Trips

8.1 Nutcracker on December 5, 2019: Informational. Organized by Creative Minds department. 40 students with 8 adults on December 5, 2019. To expose students to a cultural classic.

8.2 Centre d'Histoire Old Montreal Field Trip: On February 7th, 40 Sec. 3 students and 3 teachers will go to the Centre d'Histoire in Old Montreal. Transportation by bus and metro. No cost to students. Cost \$13.50 paid by the School Outings Measure. Optional to rent skates at the outdoor rink in the Old Port.

LSA-GB031219-06: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the Old Montreal Trip, Suzanne Brazau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.3 Tour of the Elementary Schools: Music students will visit the 9 elementary schools in Laval and perform in front of a live audience. January 14, 15 & 16, 2020, all day. Transportation by school bus. No cost to students.

LSA-GB031219-07: Effie Kontakos motioned to approve the Tour of Elementary Schools Trip, Elena Scalzo seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.4 Music Fest Quebec: Students will perform and receive a workshop on one day- March 9 - 13th. No cost to students. Transportation by bus to Cégep Marie-Victorin.

LSA-GB031219-08: Palmina Ioannone motioned to approve the Music Fest Quebec Trip, Maria Gaitanis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.5 SWLSB Honour Band Trip: Three high schools will be performing together all day and in the evening of April 27th, 2020. Schools will share the cost of the transportation by school bus and workshop. No cost to students. Covered by the Measures. Students will be performing at LSA in auditorium.

LSA-GB031219-09: Suzanne Brazau motioned to approve the Honour Band Trip, Elena Scalzo seconded, unanimous. Motion carried



8.6 Austria, Germany and Switzerland Trip: 80 students will be travelling to Austria, Germany and Switzerland from February 26 – March 7, 2021. Cost is \$3665 per student. EF Educational Tours.

LSA-GB031219-10: Maria Gaitanis motioned to approve the Austria, Germany and Switzerland Trip in 2021, Geoff Cowley seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.7 London, Barcelona and Paris Trip: 40 students will be travelling to London, Barcelona and Paris from February 25 – March 6, 2021. Cost is \$3665 per student. EF Educational Tours.

LSA-GB031219-11: Maria Gaitanis motioned to approve the London, Barcelona and Paris Trip in 2021, Suzanne Brazau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

9.0 Rentals:

10.1 Union Generale Sportive: Union General Sportive rental for basketball from September 13, 2019 to May 29, 2020.

LSA-GB031219-12: Ailsa Pehi motioned to approve the Union Generale Sportive rental for basketball from September 13, 2019 to May 29, 2020, Dominic Di Stefano seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

10.1 Ligue de Basketball: Ligue de Basketball Rive-Nord rental for basketball from September 30, 2019 to April 22, 2020.

LSA-GB031219-13: Suzanne Brazau motioned to approve the Ligue de Basketball rental for basketball from September 30, 2019 to April 22, 2020, Palmina Ioannone seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

10.0 Fundraisers: None.

11.0 School Activities: In Student Council's report.

12.0 Reports:

12.1 Chairperson's Report / Correspondence:

- The Governing Board workshop at the school board on December 10th is a great workshop to attend.

12.2 Principal's Report:

- Remembrance Day
- Career Day on November 13th.
- Guidance Counselor presentations February 6th.
- Graduation picture retakes on Saturday.
- Parent Teacher Night November 21st. Appointments made online. Online appointments will first be made available to parents of students who are at risk and will be then available to everyone.
- Drug Awareness week organized by the nurse.
- On evening of November 26th workshop with Laval Police SEXTO and drugs.
- Sports New York Trip went well.
- 3 days of exams on December 18, 19 and 20.
- Pasta Night January 31st.
- Science Fair January 28th.
- Music concert is on December 6th.
- 5th Annual Toy Drive for kids at Cité de la Santé. Wrapping for gifts will be at school on December 19th.
- Renovations update. Done afterschool. Elevator broke and will be repaired.



12.3 Parents' Committee Report:

- Russell Copeman, QESBA, gave a presentation on Bill 40.
- There is a timeline for lead water testing.
- A request was made by for the SWLSB to provide more charging stations for LSA. LSA presently has only one charging station.
- Next Parents' Committee meeting December 5th.

12.4 Teacher Council Report: None.

12.5 PPO Report: None.

- Pasta Night on January 31, 2019 from 4-8pm. Adults \$10 and students \$5.

12.6 Student Council Report: Report given by Francesco Renda, President of Student Council.

- Remembrance Day – went to veterans during recess and lunch.
- Made a Poppy Wall – students wrote 4 words expressing what Remembrance was to them.
- Bake Sale and Candy Cane sale raised \$440.
- Holiday Food Drive- goal is to get 3000 non-perishable items. Student Council and Special Education will help sort out donations. Agape will pick up the donations on December 13th.
- Pasta Night on January 31st.

12.7 CLC Report:

- Boys to Men and Girls to Woman Mentoring After School Programs. Two intergenerational mentoring programs LSA offers students. September 2019 to June 2020. Tuesdays & Wednesdays (4pm-5:30pm).
- Wellness Wednesdays from December 4, 2019 to May 27, 2020 (4pm-4:45pm). This program focuses on yoga techniques and breathing exercises aimed at managing stress and anxiety and improving focus.
- ANEB Workshop – Self Esteem & Body Image
- Music Therapy – New for January 2020.
- From One Generation to Another – An Immigrant Storytelling Project
- Ile lfe Africana Studies Collection.
- Wurd-Up Community Literary Series

13.0 Varia:

13.1 Governing Board Workshop: There will be a Governing Board workshop for all members at the school board on December 10th.

14.0 Questions from the Public: None.

15.0 Date of the Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7 pm.

16.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

*LSA-GB031219-14: Ailsa Pehi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm, Maria Gaitanis seconded, unanimous.
Motion carried*

Jimmy Abraham
LSA Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
LSA Secretary