



**Laval Senior Academy  
Governing Board Minutes  
Thursday, January 21, 2021**

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**Present:** Pino Alberga, Tony Beliotis, Suzanne Brazau, Cristina Carpanzano, James Cordeiro-Pereira, Marie Josée Dallaire, Franco De Luca, Dominic Di Stefano, Noura Helal, Effie Kontakos, Ailsa Pehi, Ruben Reid, Elena Scalzo and Rhonda Steiner      Substitute member: Mary Caruso (voting)  
Student Council Representative: Angela Oliviera-Zeritis

Principal: Nathalie Rollin      Vice-Principals: Sonia Garofalo, Melissa Rioux, Reno Vaccaro and Jennifer Abrantes

**Regrets:** Katrina Driver and Rosemary Porco

**Guests:** Lisa Benwell, Vincent Cammisano (Commissioner Ward 8) and Sergio Di Marco

**1.0 Opening of the meeting / Quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm via Zoom Video Conference. Quorum was met. The meeting will be recorded. Mary Caruso will be replacing an absent parent member.

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda:** There was an addition 11.1 Hybrid Model, 11.2 Distribution of Masks and 11.3 Morning Arrival of Students.

*LSA-GB210121-01: Franco De Luca motioned to approve the agenda with the additions, Marie Josée Dallaire seconded, unanimous.      Motion carried*

**3.0 Acceptance of Minutes from November 19, 2020:** The typos were corrected.

*LSA-GB210121-02: Dominic Di Stefano motioned to accept the Minutes of November 19, 2020 with the corrections, Cristina Carpanzano seconded, 13 in favour and 2 abstentions.      Motion carried*

**4.0 Question from the Public:** A parent wanted to know if LSA Graduation Class of 2021 items would be available again for sale. The email originally sent had LSA Gear and the parent did not realize that the graduation items were included. Perhaps parents that missed the first deadline would be interested now in ordering. Nathalie Rollin replied that the initial orders would be received on February. She would look into it and see what can be done.

Parents wishing to ask questions should submit their questions in writing / email to ensure that the Governing Board and / or school administration have the necessary information to reply to the question(s).

**5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** None.

**6.0 New Business:** None.

**6.1 Presentation of the Annual Governing Board Report 2019-2020:** The Annual Report will be presented at the next meeting. A Governing Board member was disappointed that the Annual Governing Board Report for 2019-2020 was not completed by the residing Chairperson. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to complete the Annual Report by June to present to the committee and have it posted on the website for the parent community.

**6.2 Subject Time Allocation 2021-2022:** Nathalie Rollin presented the Subject Time Allocation for 2021-2022 for LSA. The proposal was to maintain the status quo.

*LSA-GB210121-03: James Cordeiro-Pereira motioned to approve the Subject Time Allocation 2021-2022 for LSA as presented, Elena Scalzo seconded, unanimous.      Motion carried*



**6.3 ABAV Plan 2020-2021:** Nathalie Rollin presented the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan for 2020-2021. Reno Vaccaro presented the results of Our School Survey. A second survey will be conducted to compare the results with the previous survey and to see if there are improvements. The survey is completely anonymous and that is made clear to the students.

*LSA-GB210121-04: Ruben Reid motioned to approve the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan for 2020-2021 as presented, Mary Caruso seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**6.4 Budget Building Survey 2020-2021:** The Budget Building Survey was reviewed and completed by the governing board members. The following is the Budget Consultation Survey Response submitted to the SWLSB.

1. Which group do you represent?    • Governing Board
2. If you are a governing board representative which school or center do you represent?    • Laval Senior Academy
3. Are you satisfied with the current allocation of resources? Refer to the Allocation of Resources Document <https://bit.ly/39R7XD8>
  - No
4. Rank, from 1 to 7, the level of importance on the following criteria to be considered for the allocation of resources:
  - 1- Enrolment    2- EHDAA Clientele (coded)    3- Students at risk    4- Socio Economic Index (IMSE)
  - 5- Geography (Distance)    6- Square meter of the school    7- Regional Needs (Rural, Urban)
5. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:  
Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees:
  - Professional Development and growth (Ex: training on stress management, special needs, etc.)
  - Training workshops for employees (Ex: skill based, excel, powerpoint, etc.)
  - Mentoring and coaching
6. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:  
Orientation 2: Offer students a variety of choices through 21st century programs and curriculums:
  - Digital Resources
  - Development of Special Programs
  - Special Education (EHDAA)
7. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:  
Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being:
  - Students and Staff's Safety and Security
  - Encourage social / emotional / academic development
  - Professional Services
8. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:  
Orientation 4: Increase the level of literacy competencies among the adult population on the school board's territory:
  - Night programs / flexible programs
  - Technology
  - Distance education
9. Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:  
Orientation 5: Engage students in physical activities 60 minutes a day:
  - Playground equipment
  - Sporting materials and equipment
  - Upgrade sporting facilities (gymnasiums and sports fields)
10. Should we consider any other topics to prioritize that were not mentioned above?



- Electronic vehicle charging stations.
- More green initiatives.
- Plan, promote and reinforce activities to engage our students in community service and involvement.

*LSA-GB210121-05: Pino Alberga motioned to approve the Budget Consultation Survey responses, Tony Beliotis seconded, 14 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried*

**7.0 Field Trips:** None

**8.0 Rentals:** None.

**9.0 Fundraisers:** None.

**Motion to extend the meeting:**

At 9:00 pm, a motion was needed to extend the meeting.

*LSA-GB210121-06: Mary Caruso motioned to extend the meeting an additional 30 minutes, Cristina Carpanzano seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**10.0 Reports**

**10.1 Chairperson's Report:** Nothing new to report.

**10.2 Principal's Report:**

- LSA had 7 COVID cases during the December break.
- Testing was done for CO2. Results will be given in February. At LSA, we have a mechanical ventilation system.
- There will be no Ministry exams this year.
- Date of term has been changed. Report cards will be available February 5, 2021.
- January 29, offering teacher workshops for evaluations.
- 20 staff members will be meeting to discuss LSA's identity.
- Upcoming – Virtual Open House and information session.
- In February will have Staff Appreciation week and Perseverance week.

**10.3 Parents' Committee Report:**

- Carole Totoda, Learn Quebec, gave a presentation on her organization. Learn Quebec provides tutorial sessions and workshops online for students in the English- speaking community. All services are free and students are taught by teachers.
- Air purifiers were discussed.
- Council of Commissioners gave his report. Elections are cancelled.
- The Budget Building Survey was discussed that Governing Boards are required to complete.

**10.4 Teacher Council Report:** No report.

**10.5 PPO Report:** No PPO Committee.

**10.6 Student Council Report:** Report given by Angela Oliviera-Zeritis

- In November, promoted the Movember campaign to increase awareness for prostate cancer. Students were asked for monetary donations. Raised \$721.
- In December, had the holiday campaign. To encourage students to donate, prizes were awarded.
- Raised approximately \$500 and for Agape, 1,000 cans were donated.



- Had a door decorating contest and Pajama Day.
- For January, working on an Open House video.
- In February will do something for Black History month.
- Also, in February will do something for Heart & Stroke Foundation and Valentine's Day.
- A member commented that they are proud of the Student Council at LSA. They are doing amazing things this year.

#### **11.0 Varia:**

**11.1 Hybrid Model:** Classes are held using the Even and Odd (Homeroom) Hybrid Model. There have been many discussions about the pros and cons of the Hybrid Model. Overall, it is working well. It is easier to implement the safety measures given that there are less students per floor.

**11.2 Distribution of Masks:** The Ministry mandated that each student receive two (surgical) masks daily. In the morning, the students receive one mask and, in the afternoon, they receive the second one. A parent expressed concern that their child was instructed to reuse the afternoon mask on the next in-school day. On the bus, students are required to wear masks but they may be surgical or cloth.

#### **Motion to extend the meeting:**

At 9:25 pm, a motion was made to extend the meeting.

*LSA-GB210121-07: Cristina Carpanzano motioned to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes, Marie Josée Dallaire seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**11.3 Morning Arrival of Students:** In the morning, doors open at 8:30 am. Students are not let in the building earlier than that because supervision begins at 8:30 am. Students that arrive with public or private transportation wait together for the doors to open. A question was asked whether students respect the social distancing at this time fully understanding the challenges of having over 1,000 students attending the school.

**12.0 Question from the Public:** None.

**13.0 Date of the Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on February 25, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. Please note that the December 17, 2020, meeting was cancelled.

**14.0 Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

*LSA-GB210121-08: Tony Beliotis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm, Suzanne Brazau seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

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Ailsa Pehi  
LSA Chairperson

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