



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

Present: Jimmy Abraham, Tony Beliotis, Alex Bon-Miller, Suzanne Brazau, Geoff Cowley, James Cordeiro-Pereira, Franco De Luca, Dominic Di Stefano, Maria Gaitanis, Noura Helal, Karine Mainguy, Ailsa Pehi, Elena Scalzo
Community Representative: Katrina Driver Substitute member: Effie Kontakos (voting)
Principal: Natalie Rollin Vice-Principal: Sonia Garofalo, Vicki Krawczyk and Melissa Rioux

Regrets: Donald Cookson, Douglas Howarth, Palmina Ioannone, Natasha Reynolds

Guests: Adam Gordon, Francesco Renda

1.0 Opening of the meeting / Quorum: The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Abraham at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda: An addition was made in Varia 13.2 Communication with Parents.

LSA-GB051119-01: Domenic Di Stefano motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, Tony Beliotis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3.0 Acceptance of Minutes of October 1, 2019: No amendments.

LSA-GB051119-02: Maria Gaitanis 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.

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 Internal Rules of Procedure: The Governing Board Internal Rules of Procedure were reviewed. Added e-votes in 7.4 and 3.2 Substitute members. Removal of without notification in 3.3 and rewording of 6.1.

LSA-GB051119-03: Tony Beliotis motioned to approve the Internal Rules of Procedure with the amendments, Franco De Luca seconded, 13 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

6.0 Question Period from the Public: None

6.1 Parents' Committee Chairperson Adam Gordon: Adam Gordon was introduced and welcomed.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Presentation of Bill 40: Nathalie Rolin gave a presentation on Bill 40

8.0 Field Trips

8.1 New York City Trip: The cultural trip open to Sec. 4 and 5 students on November 15–17 to New York City was rescheduled to March 28-30, 2020. 4 teachers and 40 students – 1:10 ratio. Transportation by coach bus. Cost \$559 for transportation, accommodations, meals and security at hotel.

LSA-GB051119-04: Tony Beliotis motioned to approve the New York City Cultural Trip, Domenic Di Stefano seconded, unanimous. Motion carried



8.2 McGill University: For 34 boys in Sec.5 soccer concentration and 3 teachers on November 18, 2019 - all day. Training at sports facilities. Transportation by yellow bus. No cost to students.

LSA-GB051119-05: Maria Gaitanis motioned to approve the McGill University Trip, Karine Mainguy seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.3 Visit to École Nationale de l'Aerotechnique: 30-40 students and 3 staff will visit ENA (hangers and Laboratories on January 30, 2020. Will provide students with an opportunity to learn about the internationally recognized Aircraft Maintenance program. Placement rate upon graduation is 97.7%. Graduates of this program become maintenance technicians who repair and maintain aircrafts – helicopters and planes. No cost to students.

LSA-GB051119-06: James Cordeiro-Pereira motioned to approve the École Nationale de l'Aerotechnique Trip, Noura Helal seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

8.4 Dawson College Theatre Trip: Open to all students. On January 3, 2020, 52 students and 3 teachers will visit Dawson College to be exposed to the theatre program. Transportation by Coach Bus.

LSA-GB051119-07: Tony Beliotis motioned to approve the Dawson College Theatre Trip, Geoff Cowley seconded, 13 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried

9.0 Rentals: Movember Zumba activity to rent gym. No rental charge. Monies / funds will go towards November 29th. Point of information.

10.0 Fundraisers

10.1 Pancake sale Dans La Rue: Pancakes will be sold for \$2 at lunchtime. Sec. 4 students reading La Faim Du Monde. Monies raised will go to the organization Dans La Rue.

LSA-GB051119-08: James Cordeiro-Pereira motioned to approve the pancake sale and funds raised will be allocated to Dans La Rue, Maria Gaitanis seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

11.0 School Activities: In Principal's Report.

11.0 Reports:

12.1 Chairperson's Report / Correspondence: None.

12.2 Principal's Report:

- Vicki Krawczyk will be replacing Jennifer Vaughan as Vice-Principal.
- Oct. 6 – Francesco Renda was elected as Student Council President.
- Fire drill in October was unplanned occurring during pass time and went very well.
- Terry Fox Walk – sold pretzels and the \$500 funds raised went to Terry Fox.
- Oct 6 – Graduation Ceremony for last year students 3000 people present.
- Oct 21 – Pink In the City a group of students and 2 teachers shaved hair.
- Oct 21 – Sports Etude meeting to introduce program to LJA.
- Starting Hockey Local Program at LJA that will continue to LSA.
- Halloween activities organized by Student Council.
- Building a Bridge activity with LJA.
- Music teacher at LJA and LSA collaborated to help grow Music program.
- Special Needs Department has met to allow transition to go smoothly from LJA to LSA.
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day.
- Nov. 13 – Career Fair.



- Nov. 14 – Construction officially started on 3rd floor washroom.
- Nov. 21 – Parent Teacher Night.
- Nov. 26 – Evening with Laval Police SEXTO and drugs

12.3 Parents' Committee Report:

- Outgoing Chairperson Carla Tosti welcomed new and returning members.
- New and returning members introduced themselves.
- Elections took place for the following positions:
 - a. Chairperson: Adam Gordon (LTM)
 - b. Vice Chair: Lisa Cipriani (McCaig)
 - c. Secretary: Lisa Cipriani (McCaig)
 - d. Treasurer: Tony Beliotis (LJA)
 - e. Advisory Committee on Transportation: Adam Garoune (Jules Verne)
 - f. Parent Commissioners: Tara Anderson (elementary) – Tony Beliotis (High school)
 - g. EPCA: Billie Chasiotis (Terry Fox) – Ailsa Pehi (LSA)
 - h. RCP-3L : Ailsa Pehi (LSA)
 - i. Recording Secretary: Susan O'Keeffe
 - j. FaceBook Committee: Lisa Cipriani (McCaig), Franco Pellicciotti (Crestview)
Stephanie Hamel (Rawdon) Ailsa Pehi (LSA)
- School Board report:
 - a. 84.5% graduation rate (8th out of 72 school boards in the province)
 - b. Priorities: Personal Development for employees
 - c. Teachers on tenure track will have a performance review twice a year
 - d. 18 - 4year old Pre-K classes (approx. 199 students)
 - e. Director General in the process of reviewing the 92-page document of Bill 40
- Director General gave a brief overview of Bill 40.
- Tony Beliotis spoke to QESBA position and advised them on the additional monies requested and approved by Council of Commissioners in order to fight Bill 40; In response to a question from Twin Oaks the fees paid to QESBA are for an amount of \$111,356. Questions asked and await answers are, how many school boards have already agreed to pay the extra fees requested by QESBA? OLP asked what the funds are used for currently? Following detailed discussions, the motion to support Council in their decision was defeated.
- Council of Commissioners has created a sub-committee regarding the 240 school for SWLSB.
- Testing to be done for testing of lead in water

12.4 Teacher Council Report: None.

12.5 PPO Report: None.

- First meeting 8 parents attended.
- Bagging at Maxi on St Martin cancelled.
- Baked goods on Parent Teacher Night by donation and funds will go towards Pasta Night.
- Pasta Night on January 31, 2019 from 4-8pm.
- Next PPO meeting on November 24, 2019.



12.6 Student Council Report: Report given by Francesco Renda, President of Student Council. Franco De Luca requested it be noted in the Minutes, the excellent nature of the Student Council Report presented.

- There are 15 students on Student Council.
- October Halloween Fashion Show: The 15 students that dressed up in costumes received \$20 gift cards at McDonalds.
- Terry Fox Walk: Sold pretzels and the \$500 raised was donated to Terry Fox.
- The Treasurer of Student Council, Sarah Brossard, shaved her head.
- Bagging at Maxi on St Martin cancelled.
- Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign: Sold poppies outside the gym.
- Planning to do a ceremony or video for Remembrance Day.
- December – will be helping families in need, will give money to charities and non-perishable foods collected will be donated to Agape.
- Want to plan activities to promote awareness for Black History month, LGTB and neurodiversity.
- Will organize fundraisers to increase the Student Council budget to be able to plan better activities. Krispy Kreme, food trucks, ice cream truck, bake sales.

12.7 CLC Report:

- First session with students. Workshop on how to interview, note-taking and meeting with participants. Stories will be transcribed and producing a memoir.
- After School Mentoring Program
- Project in partnership with LJA, LSA and Multicultural library to develop an Africana studies in our libraries. Develop 15-20 titles per year in our libraries and enrich the collection of Black History in February.
- Artisan Inspire Grant

13.0 Varia:

13.1 School Hockey: Hockey Concentration students were unable to play because arenas were closed. Parents were notified. Prolonged ice until May to compensate for lost time.

13.2 Teacher Communication: Teacher communication with parents - any questions or concerns should be communicated to the administration.

14.0 Questions from the Public: None.

15.0 Date of the Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7 pm.

16.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

LSA-GB051119-09: James Cordeiro-Pereira motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, Effie Kontakos seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Jimmy Abraham
LSA Chairperson

Effie Kontakos
LSA Secretary