



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

Present:

Jennifer Charbonneau, Peter Ferentinos, Joseph Fitzmorris, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Minas Kokinos, Karine Mainguy, Nina Rodrigues, Katerina Stavriadis, Domenica Tortorici

Substitute Parent Representative: Evan Goudis

Absent with Regret: Sean Biard, Maxime Grève, Marc Mikhael

Student Council: -

Community Representative: -

Guests : James Di Sano, Evangelia Thomas

Principal : Peter Papadeas (repl. Serge-Édouard Jeanniton)

Vice-Principal : Catheryn Porsenna

Recording Secretary: Demetra Papazafiroopoulos

1.0 Welcome/Verification of Quorum/Confirmation of Substitute/Welcoming of Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Jenny Georgiopoulos. Quorum Reached. Peter Papadeas will be replacing Serge-Édouard Jeanniton until his return. Mr. Papadeas greeted the members and expressed his happiness to be at Laval Senior Academy.

Domenica Tortorici arrived at 9:12 PM.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda:

The following additions were made to the agenda:

7.5 Enrollment Letter

7.6 Sport Études

7.7 Google Classroom

7.8 Field Trip Funding

9.4 Payment for Damages

10.1 Mid term Planning/Revenues



LSA-GB161225-01: Katerina Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board to adopt the agenda, seconded by Joseph Fitzmorris. Unanimous. Motion carried.

3.0 Land Acknowledgement:

The Acknowledgement of the Land was read by Demetra Papazafirooulos

“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is traditional territory of the Kanien’keha:ka or Mohawk Nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the ‘Eastern Door Keepers’ and are a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga, and Oneida Peoples. All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends.”

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of November 18, 2025:

Corrections: Change Joseph Fitzsimmons to Joseph Fitsmorris (spelling error)

LSA-GB161225-02: Joseph Fitzmorris motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the revised minutes of November 18, 2025, seconded by: Domenica Tortorici 10 in favour, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

5.0 Questions from the Public:

Questions were addressed to the guest, Commissioner James Di Sano and addressed by Mr. Di Sano and Mr. Papadeas.

Regarding budget: The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has \$260 000 000 budget, 80% of which is spent on salaries. The remaining 20% needs to be divided between 40 schools. Funding is not different from French schools, albeit our school board benefits from Canada-Quebec entente.

Regarding building updates, the allocation is discussed at Council of Commissioners meeting, after the budget building documents are filled out. The school is encouraged to prioritize this topic during the budget building process.

Regarding the allocation of funds per school, the amount allocated is determined by enrollment.

The decrease in enrollment is a concern for the school board.

Regarding LSA’s debt, the school board cannot absorb it. It is up to the school to get out of the situation. Funds from Home and School and Rentals can be used to bring down the debt.

Governing Board is not responsible for either managing the accounts or determining where funds go. Rental revenues are the administration’s responsibility. Governing Board decides on fundraising. The Finance Department talks to school administrators. The school reports to the Governing Board for transparency purposes only.



The balance sheet should be zero.

The school is approximately \$260 000 in debt. A financial payment plan is being proposed to pay off the debt/deficit.

\$150 000 will be paid off, with limited impact on students.

6.0 Student Council Report: (Presented by Catheryn Porsenna)

- “Movember” bake sale raised \$200. Candygram raised \$50.
- Spirit Week was successful
- Home and School provided hot chocolate for the winning class of the food drive.

Proposed Activities:

- Winter formal at either The Château Royale or at school (Catering would be needed). Ticket prices are being discussed. (Survey will be sent to students)
- Senior breakfast and sleepover. Trying to keep the price low for students. The goal of these activities is to provide experiences for the students.

7.0 Business Arising:

7.1: Presentation and Election of Community Representative: Evangelia Thomas expressed her interest in being the community representative for LSA.

LSA-GB161225-03 Katerina Stavriadis motioned to accept Evangelia Thomas as the Community Representative for Laval Senior Academy. Seconded by: Domenica Tortorici. All in favour. Motion carried

Due to government budget cuts, Evangelia Thomas is authorized to attend 3 meetings as of January 2026.

7.2: ABAV Plan:

The ABAV plan was presented to the governing board by Catheryne Porsenna. The following points were noted:

The school’s socio-economic score has dropped from 4 to 7, which brings the school at the beginning scale of poverty status (a score of 7,8,9 and 10 are considered underprivileged) The “feeder” schools are impoverished, which has affected LSA’s score.

Administration (and in some cases, technicians) have access to the data enter in the system.

The student survey conducted in October-November had a higher participation rate (82.2%) as opposed to the past (60%-70%)

Even though the numbers are below the Canadian norm in certain categories, there is an increase of up to 7%. There is also a decrease in the “negative” aspects of the survey.



Discrepancy: Some students chose “grade 8” when responding to the survey, even though it is only grades 9-11.

Self-esteem is 5% higher than the Canadian norm.

A school assembly is being planned for either January or February as a follow-up for the students.

To reduce “fake answers” questions are asked in multiple ways.

There were no incidents of sexual violence thus far.

LSA-GB161225-04 Evan Goudis motioned to approve the ABAV as presented to the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board. Seconded by: Katerina Stavriadis. All in favour. Motion carried.

7.3: E-votes since last GB Meeting:

7.3.1: Gym for Basketball and Soccer Activities:

LSA-GB161225-05 Domenica Tortoricci motioned to approve the rental of gymnasium 1-2 for basketball on December 5, 2025 at a cost of \$86.23 and soccer activities from January 12, 2026-May 28, 2026 at a cost of \$4872.07 Seconded by: Patricia Zichella. 12 in favour. 3 Abstentions. Motion carried.

7.3.2: Classrooms for Building Blocks:

LSA-GB161225-06 Sean Biard motioned to approve the classroom rentals on December 7, 13 & 14 for Building Blocks tutorials for the amount of \$2009.19, with the possibility of an adjustment to the cost, depending on the number of rooms that will be used. Seconded by: Patricia Zichella. 11 in favour. 3 Abstentions. Motion carried.

E-votes are technically illegal because members need to be given a chance to debate. Therefore, they should be avoided. If needed, a zoom session could be held.

7.4: Budget Building Consultation:

Question 1: Which Group do you represent?

Answer: Governing Board.

Question 2: Which school or centre do you represent?

Answer: Laval Senior Academy

Question 3: Are you satisfied with the current allocation of resources? Answer: “no”.

Question 4: Is there anything missing in the Allocation of Resources Document? If so, please



specify. Answer: Further breakdowns of costs.

Question 5: Rank, from 1 to 7, the level of importance on the following criteria to be considered for the allocation of resources

- 1 Enrolment
- 2 At Risk Students
- 3 Special needs students (EHDA)
- 4 Socio Economic Index (Indice de milieu socio-économique (IMSE))
- 5 Square meter of the buildings
- 6 Regional Needs (Rural, Urban)
- 7 Geographical distance

Question 6: Should we consider any other criteria for the allocation of resources? Please explain.

- Increased security.
- How can we assure that we have access to all resources as the only English high school in Laval? We do not need only financial resources but overall resources at the school level and direct services to students.
- Upgrading the school's common areas.

Question 7- Orientation 1: Support and increase the success of diverse learners and at-risk STUDENTS academically, socially, and emotionally *

The Governing Board chose to prioritize:

- Digital resources and techno-pedagogical tools
- Professional services
- Increased allocation for resource teachers and tutoring services by teachers.

Question 8- Orientation 2: Attract, retain, and support quality EMPLOYEES: *

The Governing Board chose to prioritize:

- Professional development and growth (Ex: stress management, special needs, professional)
- Targeted training workshops for employees (Ex: skill-based workshops, etc.)
- Mentoring and coaching

At 8:54 PM, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes after 9:00 PM.

LSA-GB161225-07 Evan Goudis motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting to 9:15 PM. Seconded by: Joseph Fitzmorris. All in favour. Motion carried.

Question 9- Orientation 3: Ensure all students possess strong BILINGUAL competency and proficient French skills by the time they graduate, enabling them to thrive in Québec:

The Governing Board chose to prioritize:

- Digital resources (ex: software, applications, etc.)



- Techno-pedagogical tools and equipment
- Extracurricular activities

Question 10: What other topics should we consider to prioritize that were not mentioned above?

- Marketing the school and its various programs.
- Marketing support.
- Better website and support to curate content for it.
- Market study on why parents are not choosing Laval Senior Academy.

7.5 Enrollment Letter: -

7.6 Sport Études:

Sport-Études was originally designed to elite athletes. Students who are being accepted into the program are not competing at the top levels. The criteria were that the students needed to be elite players and able to keep up with academics. Mr. Fitzmorris would like some clarification regarding this matter; however, this is not a Governing Board topic. It was advised to consult the ministry's website for sport-études. The rate for the remuneration of the GB secretary was increased to \$70.00 last year. Therefore, it was suggested to keep the same rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.7 Google Classroom:

Following last meeting's discussion, Mr. Kokinos has created a Google Classroom page to coordinate the school activities.

7.8- Field Trip Funding:-

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Principal:

Peter Papadeas covered the topics for the report when he addressed the Governing Board previously during Question Period.

8.2 Chairperson: (Presented by Jenny Georgiopoulos)

No formal report. Jenny Georgiopoulos extended her best wishes for the holidays to the members.

8.3 Treasurer Report: -

8.4 Parents' Committee Delegate:

The PC delegate was not present at this meeting. The alternate had not attended the meeting.

7.5 Home and School: (Presented by Katerina Stavriadis)

- Christmas Market was successful. More people attended this year. (50 tables)
- Free candy canes given out to students with Student Council's help.
- Chapmans- Wednesdays
- January meeting: T.B.A.



-Spring Market is coming up

LSA-GB161225-08 Minas Kokinos motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting.
All in favour. Motion carried.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Field Trips:

Update: Sports trip to New York was cancelled.

Montreal Planetarium: Sec V Science students on February 18, 2026. Departure: 9:05 AM Arrival: 3:30 PM. Bus #40 (STL) Ratio of 1:13. Cost is \$18.50/student.

Miami Sports Trip: Sec V Students April 24-27, 2026. Airplane and coach bus. Flight to Fort Lauderdale. Tickets to MLS game included. Ratio of 1:6 Cost per student: \$1599.00.

St. Sauveur Ski and Snowboard Outing: February 24 and March 24 2026 via school bus. Ratio of 1:10. Cost per student: \$50 (no equipment rental) \$70 (with equipment rental)

Maritime Marine Biology Trip to New Brunswick: April 13-18, 2026. Ration of 1:10. Cost per student: \$900-\$950, depending on students.

LSA-GB161225-09 Evan Goudis motioned to approve the above four field trips. Seconded by Joseph Fitzmorris. All were approved unanimously, except for the Miami trip, with 1 against and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

9.2 Fundraisers:

January 23, 2026 Bake Sale:

The proceeds will go to fund the prom for sec. V.

LSA-GB161225-10 Demetra Papazafiroopoulos motioned to approve the bake sale on January 23, 2026. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. All in favour. Motion carried.

9.3 Rentals:

Sutogure Dojo

January 13, 2026- June 4, 2026. 3 days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) Cost: \$1810.00

LSA-GB161225-11 Minas Kokinos motioned to approve the rental to Sutogure Dojo January 13-June 4, 2026 for \$1810.00. Seconded by: Domenica Tortorici. All in favour. Motion carried.

9.4 Paying for Damages:



Who is responsible for damages to the gymnasium equipment? The renters should be charged for the damages. The caretakers are not responsible to check for damages. Perhaps pictures could be taken before and after to assess any damage, since it is difficult to prove who caused the wear and tear.

10.0 Varia:

10.1 Mid-Term Planning:

It was asked why the mid terms are 4 days in a row. This is out of the school's control, since the dates have been fixed.

11.0 Question Period from the Public:

- none

12.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of Next GB Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27, 2026** in the library.

12.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

LSA-GB211025-12: Karine Mainguy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM, Seconded by: Katerina Stavriadis. Unanimous. Motion carried

Jenny Georgiopoulos
LSA Chairperson

Demetra Papazafirooulos
LSA Secretary