



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Present:

Sean Biard, Jennifer Charbonneau, Peter Ferentinos, Joseph Fitzmorris, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Maxime Grève, Minas Kokinos, Karine Mainguy, Marc Mikhael, Nina Rodrigues, Katerina Stavriadis, Domenica Tortorici

Substitute Parent Representative: -

Absent with Regret: James Asmaklis

Student Council: Hareem Nawaz and Gali Mardirossian

Community Representative: -

Guests : Panagiotis Roumbas

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

Vice-Principal : Aline Khozozian

Recording Secretary: Demetra Papazafiroopoulos

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Jenny Georgiopoulos. Quorum Reached.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda:

The following additions were made to the agenda:

8.1 Building Blocks

8.2 Heating

Date of Next GB Meeting: Tuesday, February 17

LSA-GB270126-01: Katerina Stavriadis motioned for the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board to adopt the agenda, seconded by Marc Mikhael. All in favour. Motion carried.

3.0 Land Acknowledgement:

The Acknowledgement of the Land was read by Hareem Nawaz.

"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 December 16, 2025:

Corrections:

Domenica Tortorici's arrival was at 7:12 PM, not at 9:12 PM.

4.0: Remove "Home and School" from the sentence.

*7.7: typo- **coordinate** was misspelled.*

8.3: Treasurer Report (Write "no report" instead of dash)

LSA-GB270126-02: *Jennifer Charbonneau motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the revised minutes of December 16, 2025. Seconded by: Minas Kokinos. 10 in favour, and 3 abstentions. Motion carried.*

5.0 Adoption of Minutes of Emergency Meeting, January 12, 2026:

LSA-GB270126-03: *Marc Mikhael motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the minutes of the emergency meeting held on January December 16, 2025, seconded by: Maxime Grève. 7 in favour, and 6 abstentions. Motion carried.*

6.0 Questions from the Public:

There were no questions from the public.

7.0 Student Council Report: (Hareem Nawaz and Gali Mardirossian)

Student Council has been planning activities to foster school spirit, such as:

Valentine's Day Initiatives:

\$2.00 for a can of Crush ("for a crush") or \$2.00 heart-shaped lollipops. The sale will take place February 2-February 11. Distribution on February 13 (during period 3) Students may also wear red and/or pink on Friday, February 13. Proceeds will go to fund Student Council activities.

Proposed Ideas:

A Spring Formal Dance, which could be held at a smaller venue, for secondary 3 and 4 students. (Secondary 5 will have a prom)

Senior Sleepover and Breakfast on February 20 10:00 PM-7:00 AM at \$20.00 per student. Student supervision is needed for this event to take place.



LSA-GB270126-04 Katerina Stavriadis motioned to approve the sale of Crush and lollipops for \$2.00 each. Secoded by: Domenica Tortorici. All in favour Motion carried.

The other proposed activities will be discussed with the administration to work out the logistics.

8.0 Business Arising:

8.1: Building Blocks Tutorial:

Building Blocks Tutorial offers review courses for students to prepare them for their exams, which will take place from May 23, 2026 until June 14, 2026. There is a maximum of 25 students per session. The cost is \$95.00 per student.

LSA-GB270126-05 Nina Rodrigues motioned to approve the school promotion of Building Blocks Tutorial for student exam preparation. Secoded by: Marc Mikhael. All in favour. Motion carried.

8.2: Heating:

There was an issue with the boiler room, which was regulated today (January 27). It was suggested that the school send an updated notification to parents to inform them of the repairs. The heating system broke down over the weekend. The school board manages the heating system in the school.

9.0 Reports:

9.1 Principal:

Peter Papadeas will present the Subject-Time Allocation later in the meeting, along with a financial report.

9.2 Chairperson: (Presented by Jenny Georgiopoulos)

Jenny Georgiopoulos addressed how questions and concerns are asked at Governing Board meetings. She would prefer that she be contacted directly if there is an issue before matters are brought to the administration. There was a concern regarding decorum at meetings that had gone to the administration first. Moving forward, please address her or Domenica Tortorici (vice-chair). The chairperson and the principal will closely and will collaborate to deal with any concerns. Members are encouraged to feel comfortable speaking to the chair and vice-chair.

9.3 Treasurer Report: (Presented by: Peter Ferentinos)

Peter Ferentinos does not have access to the account. The secretary (Demetra Papazafiroopoulos) has not been remunerated for any of the prepared minutes. Filia Koutsos needs to be contacted to process the payment. There is \$1 477.00 in the account to date.

9.4 Parents' Committee Delegate: (Presented by: Mark Mikhael)

Mark Mihael presented the information from the November PC Meeting. There was no meeting in December, and he was absent for the January meeting. Mr. Mikhael will contact the alternate, Peter Ferentinos, if he is going to be absent for future PC meetings.

Key points from the November meeting:



A journalist from the Montreal Gazette was there to discuss a program that teaches students how to vet news sources.

School enrollment has decreased, along with socio-economic status for some schools.

Mr. Mikhael will forward the minutes from PC to Jenny Georgiopoulos so that she can distribute them to the GB members.

9.5 Home and School: (Presented by Katerina Stavriadis)

- Participation in school events (Comedy Night/Market) is not high, considering the population. Thus, it is challenging to raise money for the school.
- The school is looking to create sponsorships.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: There will be participation from the community.
- \$13 000.00 raised for the Breezeway Project but HASA is asking for approval to use some of the funds for more pressing items, such as technological devices. The community will be notified of the change.
- Home and School needs a "blanket approval" to set up a table at any school event (ex: Curriculum Night, Homecoming, etc.)
- Ice-cream sales are doing well.

10.0 New Business:

10.1 Subject Time Allocation:

Peter Papadeas presented the subject time allocation. There have been no changes to last year's subject time allocation.

LSA-GB270126-06 Joseph Fitzmorris motioned to accept the subject time allocation as presented to the Governing Board. Seconded by Katerina Stavriadis. All in favour. Motion carried.

10.2 Selection of Principal:

Points to consider: What is best for the needs of the school community.

Suggestions that were discussed:

- Continuity is important. The incoming principal needs to respect the systems that have been put in place and are working in the school. It is necessary to gather input from the staff.
- Understanding the history of the school.

This topic is tabled and will be revisited at the February meeting.

10.3 Field Trips:

- 1) Ottawa (science concentration students) on April 16, 2026. Departure: 7:30 AM Return: 8:00 PM. The cost is \$169.00 per student, which will be covered by the concentration fees. No charge to students. Adult to student ratio 1:3.

LSA-GB270126-07 Joseph Fitzmorris motioned to approve the field trip to Ottawa on April 16, 2026. Seconded by: Maxime Grève. All in favour. Motion carried.



- 2) *White Wave Set Sail at the Old Port (secondary 5 students) on June 5, 2026. 10:00 AM-7:00 PM. (2:00 PM departure for the cruise) Cost: \$48.00 per student. Adult to student ratio: 1:20.*

LSA-GB270126-08 *Domenica Tortorici motioned to approve White Wave Set Sail on June 5, 2026. Seconded by: Demetra Papazafiroopoulos All in favour. Motion carried.*

- 3) *Old Port / Marguerite Bourgeois Museum (secondary 3 history students) on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Cost: \$40.00 per student.*

LSA-GB270126-09 *Minas Kokinos motioned to approve the field trip to the Old Port on February 18, 2026. Seconded by: Nina Rodrigues. All in favour. Motion carried.*

- 4) *New York Grad Trip (secondary 5 students) March 20-23, 2026. Cost: \$899.00 per student. Adult to student ratio: 1:8*

LSA-GB270126-10 *Katerina Stavriadis motioned to approve the grad trip to New York City March 20-23, 2026. Seconded by: Joseph Fitzmorris. 11 in favour, and 2 against Motion carried.*

(A discussion was had to consider the number of extended field trips that take place, especially as teachers need to cover the curriculum to prepare the students for exams.)

- 5) *Maison des Arts Laval (art concentration students) on April 8 and April 9, 2026. 60 students. Cost per student is \$7.50, which will be covered by the art concentration fees. No charge to students.*

LSA-GB270126-11 *Joseph Fitzmorris motioned to approve the field trip to Maison des Arts Laval on April 8 and April 9, 2026. Seconded by: Marc Mikhael. All in favour. Motion carried.*

- 6) *Musée d'art centre-ville on (art concentration students) February 20, 2026 (sec 4 students) and February 27, 2026 (sec 3 and sec 4 students) Cost per student: \$23.46, which will be covered by the art concentration fees. No charge to students.*

LSA-GB270126-12 *Marc Mikhael motioned to approve the field trip to Musée d'art centre-ville on February 20 and 27, 2026. Seconded by: Karine Mainguy All in favour. Motion carried.*

- 7) *Health Professional Workshop/ Visit to the rehabilitation hospital on February 17, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No charge to students.*

LSA-GB270126-13 *Sean Biard motioned to approve the outing to the rehabilitation hospital on February 17, 2026. Seconded by: Peter Ferentinos All in favour. Motion carried.*



- 8) Volleyball Tournament (volleyball concentration students) Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 Time: 4:00 PM-8:00 PM. Cost will be covered by the sports concentration fees. No charge to students.

LSA-GB270126-014 Sean Biard motioned to approve the outing to the volleyball tournament on January 30, 2026 Seconded by: Nina Rodrigues. All in favour. Motion carried.

Joseph Fitzsimmons left the meeting at 8:17 PM

10.4 Fundraisers:

- 1) Home and School would like a blanket approval to have a table set up at school events. The sales will be different from Student Council.

LSA-GB270126-15 Domenica Tortorici motioned to approve to have Home and School set up a table at school events. Seconded by: Maxime Grève. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 2) Home and School would like to recruit sponsors to support fundraising efforts, provided that the donors' missions are compatible with the school's. Home and School has set up a Canva account for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.

LSA-GB270126-16 Jenny Georgiopoulos motioned to approve soliciting sponsors to support Home and School's fundraising efforts. Seconded by Marc Mikhael. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 3) Breezeway Project: Permission is needed to change the allocation of the funds from the Breezeway project to fund the purchase of laptops. Partial amount of the funds that have been raised will be allocated to supply laptops (trolleys) for the math and science departments.

LSA-GB270126-17 Sean Biard motioned to partially switch the designation of funds from the Breezeway project to the purchase of laptops. Seconded by: Marc Mikhael. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 4) Allocation of Funds to Pay off Debt: Peter Papadeas presented the budgets for compression (money that was returned to the government because of cuts) While reviewing school-designated accounts, Mr. Papadeas found money that was not being used. (approximately \$12 000.00) He would like for that money to be used to reduce of the school's debt of \$360 000.00.

LSA-GB270126-18 Domenica Tortorici motioned to use the above-mentioned school designated funds to reduce Laval Senior Academy's debt. Seconded by: Katerina Stavriadis. 11 in favour, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

10.5 Rentals:

- 1) Birthday Party (for James)
Date: January 31, 2026. Room: C-217 Cost: \$86.23



LSA-GB270126-19 Sean Biard motioned to approve the rental of room C-217 on January 31, 2026.
Seconded by: Minas Kokinos. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 2) Lia Maggiorino
Date: February 7, 2026. Room: C-217 Cost: \$114.98

LSA-GB270126-20 Demetra Papazafiroopoulos motioned to approve the rental of room C-217 on February 7, 2026. Seconded by: Maxime Grève. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 3) Basketball Association of Laval
Dates: March 2-March 6, 2026. Gymnasium Cost: \$6 898.50

LSA-GB270126-21 Katerina Stavriadis motioned to approve the rental of the gymnasium on March 2-March 6, 2026. Seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. 12 in favour, and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

11.0 Varia:

GB Training session was discussed.

At 8:58 PM, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:13 PM.

LSA-GB270126-22 Jennifer Charbonneau motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting an additional 15 minutes. Seconded by Domenica Tortorici. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Peter Ferentinos would like for the minutes to be published online for the community. Mr. Papdeas will look into it.

Mr. Papadeas presented the repayment strategy for the school's debt. \$150 000.00-\$220 000.00 is expected to be paid off. The following year, 75 000.00 allocation. In two years, redirect the \$75 000.00 allocation to surplus. The school should have that money on the side, in case of austerity measures.

The school debt is an accumulation of salaries (coaches) and various expenses over three years (ex: grad D.J., sports fees for football and hockey, etc.)

At 9:13 PM, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:28 PM.

LSA-GB270126-23 Demetra Papazafiroopoulos motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting an additional 15 minutes. Seconded by Jenny Georgiopoulos. Unanimous. Motion carried.

School revenues grew, but not at the same rate as expenses. Certain changes needed to be made to absorb these costs and prevent this accumulation of debt. (ex: the increase in football concentration fees was necessary)



12.0 Question Period from the Public:

There were no questions from the public.

13.0 Confirmation of Date/Time of Next GB Meeting: *The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in the library.*

14.0 Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.*

LSA-GB270126-24: *Katerina Stavriadis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM, Seconded by: Marc Mikhael.
Unanimous. Motion carried*

*Jenny Georgiopoulos
LSA Chairperson*

*Demetra Papazafiroopoulos
LSA Secretary*