



**Laval Senior Academy
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

Present:

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

Substitute Parent Representative: Evan Goudis

Student Council: -

Community Representative: -

Guests : Jason Barro (student-teacher) Marcella Mikael, Alexandra Papadopoulos, Panagiotis Roubas

Principal : Serge-Édouard Jeanniton Vice-Principal : Catheryne Porsenna

Recording Secretary: Demetra Papazafirooulos

1.0 Welcome/Verification of Quorum/Confirmation of Substitute/Welcoming of Guests: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Serge-Édouard Jeanniton. Quorum Reached.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda: The following additions were made to the agenda:

7.4- Election of Treasurer (added, which changed the headings to: 7.5- Community Rep. Invitation; 7.6- Review and Adoption of Internal Rules and Procedures; 7.7- Dates and Times of Future Meetings; 7.8 e-votes since last GB meeting; 7.9 Conflict of Interest forms.)

9.4- Amendment to Election Policy

Under Varia: 10.1- Construction and 10.2- Sports/football

LSA-GB211025-01: 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 Catheryne Porsenna.

“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 June 11, 2025

LSA-GB211025-02: Maxime Grève motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the Minutes of June 11, 2025, seconded by: Jenny Georgiopoulos. 6 in favour, and 7 abstentions. Motion carried.

5.0 Review of Minutes of September 16, 2025, AGA Meeting:

The following corrections needed to be made:
Remove 2 names from the attendance: Zaharoula Konidis and George Tsantes.

Remove Johanne Dion as a guest and add as a parent in attendance.

Add George Hiotis as a guest.

Delete the following typing error under 4.6.6 “ d. Laura Orzea, George Foutrakis seconded”

LSA-GB211025-03: Katerina Stavriadis motioned for the LSA Governing Board to adopt the revised minutes of September 16, 2025, seconded by: Domenica Tortorici. 7 in favour, and 6 abstentions. Motion carried.

6.0 Questions from the Public: None.

7.0 Business Arising:

7.1 Election of Secretary: Serge-Édouard Jeanniton nominated Alexandra Papadopoulos. Ms. Papadopoulos accepted. Domenica Tortorici nominated Demetra Papazafirooulos. Ms. Papazafirooulos accepted.

LSA-GB211025-04: Results of vote: Demetra Papazafirooulos was elected as secretary of the 2025-2026 Governing Board.

LSA-GB211025-05: Jenny Georgiopoulos motioned for the LSA Governing Board to pay Demetra Papazafirooulos \$60.00 per meeting, seconded by: Jennifer Charbonneau. Unanimous. Motion carried.

7.2- Election of Chairperson: Patrizia Zichella nominated Jenny Georgiopoulos. Ms. Georgiopoulos accepted. Jennifer Charbonneau nominated Domenica Tortorici. Ms. Tortorici declined.

LSA-GB211025-06: Jennifer Georgiopoulos was acclaimed as the chairperson of the 2025-2026 Governing Board.

7.3- Election of Vice-Chair Person: Jennifer Charbonneau nominated Domenica Tortorici, seconded by Jenny Georgiopoulos. Ms. Tortorici accepted.

LSA-GB211025-07: Domenica Tortorici was acclaimed as the vice-chairperson of the 2025-2026 Governing Board.

7.4- Election of Treasurer: Jenny Georgiopoulos nominated Marc Mikael. Mr. Mikael decline. Jenny Georgiopoulos nominated Peter Ferentinos. Mr. Ferentinos accepted.

LSA-GB211025-08: Peter Ferentinos was acclaimed as the treasurer of the 2025-2026 Governing Board.

7.5- Community Rep. Invitation: Mr. Jeanniton will extend the invitation to various people, (ex: Evangelia Thomas) since there is no official community representative at this point.

7.6- Review and Adoption of Internal Rules and Procedures: The following rules were proposed:



- The president of Governing Board cannot be president of Home and School and vice-versa.
 - If a member's company benefits financially, that person should abstain from voting.
- Demetra Papazafirooulos will help Jenny Georgiopoulos and Domenica Tortorici amend the internal rules and procedures.

7.7- Dates and Times of Future Meetings: The usual order of meetings in any given month is 1) Staff meeting 2) Teacher Council meeting and 3) Governing Board. The following dates were discussed and proposed:

Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Monday, February 16, 2026	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	June meeting: TBD	

7.8- E-votes Since last GB Meeting:

SWLSB Student Leadership Camp at Arundel. Dates: October 22-24, 2025 (Survival Camp Training) and October 24-26.

LSA-GB211025-09: Jenny Georgiopoulos motioned to approve the outing to Arundel on October 22-26, seconded by: Nina Rodrigues. 12 in favour. Motion carried.

7.9- Conflict of Interest Forms:

The members of Governing Board were asked to sign the conflict-of-interest forms, which state the following:

“Every member of the governing board who has a direct or indirect interest in an enterprise that places the member's personal interest in conflict with the interest of the school must, on pain of forfeiture of office, disclose the interest in writing to the principal, abstain from voting on any matter concerning the enterprise and avoid influencing the decision relating to it. The member must, in addition, withdraw from a meeting while the matter is discussed or voted on.”

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Principal: (Presented by Serge-Édouard Jeanniton)

- It is great to see the students and the positive energy at school.
- Open House went well. There was good feedback from parents. Mr. Jeanniton thanked the teachers for their work.
- Graduation for the Class of 2025 was held on Sunday, October 5, 2025. 4 of the top 10 students in the board are from Laval Senior Academy.
- Laval Senior Academy is a good school and we are pleased with what we have and offer (concentrations, choices, sport études, etc.)
- Students are more interactive as a result of the cell phone ban.
- Promotion by subject had an impact. This is the first year of the policy. The school is looking for solutions to deal with students who have not passed a subject. We shall see what it will look like for graduation.
- Digital clocks were purchased, as students are accustomed to digital time.
- First communication distributed October 14.



- November 6- end of first term.

A discussion regarding the promotion policy followed which concluded that parents have the right to ask teachers for the evaluation policy.

- Parents are encouraged to consult the Mozaïk portal for grades.
- Student Council representatives: Hareem Nawaz and Gali Mardirossian
- ECA fair at the library.

8.2 Chairperson: (Presented by Jenny Georgiopoulos)

- Mentioned the evening of Academic excellence and homecoming.
- Toronto trip- honourable mention to Mr. Kokinos for organizing.
- Open House- there was not a lot of traffic at the GB table.
- Home and School had a presence at Open House.

8.3 Parents' Committee Delegate: (Presented by: Marc Mikael)

- Mr. Mikael was elected to PC2.
- Laval Senior Academy needs to verify the Deeds of Establishment and 3-year plan. The letter needs to be forwarded to the chair by November 25.
- New HR system, SCOLAGO, is affecting all teachers. The concerns addressed were that teachers cannot select/assign a specific substitute, as the list goes by seniority. There may be teachers who are technically qualified but not experienced in certain subjects/specializations.
- 12 500 students in our school board.
- MEQ cuts were originally supposed to be \$12 million but now, they have been reduced to \$3.7 million. There is a cap for teachers on leave. If this amount is surpassed, the school will be penalized.

8.4 Home and School Association: (Presented by: Katerina Stavriadis)

- Ice-cream sold every Wednesday. TCBY was switched to Chapmans, as it was more cost-effective. Each ice-cream bar costs 19 cents and each cup is 56 cents. Therefore, the profit margins are higher. TCBY would needed to have been sold at \$5.00 per cup to make the same profit.
- October 24 will be Comedy Night. 60 tickets have been sold thus far. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The goal of this event is to be a welcome to the community.
- November 7- Zumbathon. Funds raised will get us closer to goal for the Breezeway project. Instructors are donating their time.
- End of November (November 22) Holiday market. Last year, it raised a lot of money for the school. 45 tables have been paid for thus far.
- Mr. Jeanniton mentioned that any fundraisers by Home and School should be brought to GB.

LSA-GB211025-10: Peter Kokinos motioned to approve the following Home and School activities: Comedy Night (October 24), Zumbathon (November 7), Holiday Market (November 22) Ice-cream sale (every Wednesday) and candy sale (Halloween), seconded by Joseph Fitzmorris. Unanimous. Motion carried.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Field Trips: Mme. Miron is scheduling a field trip to the musical " & Juliet". Dates: March 17-22 2026. The date for the evening show will be determined. It may take place at 7:30 PM on the weekday or 1:00 PM in the afternoon. Students will take public transportation. Cost- \$65.00-\$100.00 per student. This is an extra-curricular activity. Ratio of adult to students 1:12.



LSA-GB211025-11 Marc Mikhael motioned to approve the outing to the musical “& Juliet”, in March 2026, seconded by: Maxime Grève. Unanimous. Motion carried.

9.2 Fundraisers: -

9.3 Rentals:

Contract for Association Basketball de Laval (July 8-August 15, 2025) \$19 948.16 paid for the summer. Mr. Fitzmorris mentioned that the basketball nets are damaged because of these rentals; therefore, the association should absorb the cost, not the school. A solution would be glass backboards, which are sturdier. The money raised from these rentals could be used to improve materials in the school.

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

LSA-GB211025-08: Nina Rodrigues motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:15 PM, seconded by Jennifer Charbonneau. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The following Rentals were presented:

1	ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL LAVAL BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP	JULY 8/25 - AUG 15/25	\$19 948.16
2	BASKETBALL ACADEMY DAVID OSMANN	SEPT 2/25 - MARCH 19/26	\$10 477.10
3	SUTOGURE DOJO KARATE	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THUR SEPT 4/25 - DEC 11/25	\$1235.98
4	LIGUE DE FUTSAL DE LAVAL S.E.N.C. BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES	OCT 2/25 – JAN 20/26	\$7657.34
5	PASSION BASKETBALL	SEPT 9/25 – DEC 9/25	\$2012.06
6	LIA RAPSOMANIKIS YOGA	SEPT 15/25 – DEC 8/25	\$344.93
7	CLOBRACON PARKING	JULY 1/25 - DEC 31/25	\$6898.50
8	CDC PONT VIAU GRADUATION CEREMONIES	SEPT 25/25 & OCT 2/25	
9	SUTOGURE DOJO CANCER FUNDRAISER	SEPT 27/25	
10	NATALIA KOUREMBANAS BIRTHDAY PARTY	OCT 11/25	\$114.98
11	HOMENETMEN LAVAL CHAPTER BASKETBALL	SEPT 19/25- JUNE 5/26	\$17 591.18
12	CLUB DE FUTSAL INTERNAZIONALE	NOV 5/25 - DEC 17/25	\$905.43
13	LIGUE DE BASKETBALL SENIOR REBELLES RIVE NORD	MON & WED OCT 6/25 - OCT 29/25	\$3104.33



Also mentioned that Governing Board mandates can go throughout the summer; therefore, any events that take place during the summer months can be passed before they begin.

LSA-GB211025-12: Peter Kokinos motioned to approve the above 13 rentals, seconded by: Joseph Fitzmorris. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

9.4 Amendment to the Electronic Policy

Due to the Education Ministry's new law regarding cellphones in school, The Laval Senior Electronic Policy was presented to the members and reviewed.

LSA-GB211025-13: Katerina Stavriadis motioned to approve the LSA Electronics Policy, seconded by: Maxime Grève. Unanimous. Motion carried.

At 9:15 PM, a motion was needed to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:30 PM.

LSA-GB211025-14: Jennifer Charbonneau motioned for the LSA Governing Board to approve extending the meeting an additional 15 minutes to 9:30 PM, seconded by Marc Mikael. Unanimous. Motion carried.

10.0 Varia:

10.1- Construction:

Ms. Papazafiroopoulos asked for an update regarding the construction in front of the school, as the road is blocked and is affecting the transportation of students. Mr. Jeanniton replied that the school had not been informed of the road closure but mentioned that the work should be completed by Friday, October 24, 2025, and the road will re-open.

Since a courthouse is being built, there was a concern regarding the proximity of the courthouse to a public school. Should we be concerned as a community?

10.2- Sports/Football:

Ms. Georgiopoulos asked a question on behalf of concerned parents who have children on the football team. Given that they are charged \$650.00, their children are not playing at all, asking the question: If they will not be played, why are they selected? The reply was that everyone gets on the football team, but given that football is a highly dangerous sport, it is a safety issue, especially when the players are not equipped/experienced to handle the demands of the sport. Mr. Jeanniton reiterated that when parents have concerns regarding these types of matters, they need to speak with him and the coaches to address the situation.

11.0 Question Period from the Public:

Ms. Rodrigues asked if the Student Commissioner can attend Governing Board as a guest? The answer was that they can attend as a member of the public but they cannot sit at the table as voting members as we have student positions already filled by Student Council.

Mr. Roumbas asked if the meetings always take place in the library, because it is difficult to hear what is being discussed. The answer was: for the time-being, yes.

12.0 Confirmation of the Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, 2025.**



13.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

LSA-GB211025-15: Joseph Fitzmorris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM, seconded by: Katerina Stavriadis. Unanimous. Motion carried

Jenny Georgiopoulos
LSA Chairperson

Demetra Papazafirooulos
LSA Secretary