



**Laval Senior Academy**  
**Minutes of the General Assembly of Parents**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

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**Attendance :**

Jennifer Charbonneau	Dennis De Lima	Peter Ferentinos	Jenny Georgiopoulos
Evan Goudis	Tasso Goudis	Panagiota Karvelas	Zaharoula Konidis
John McWhinnie	Marc Mikhael	Melissa Mulrooney	Demetra Papazafirooulos
Kassandra Petropoulos	Anne Rail	Marcela Reyes	Nina Rodrigues
Panagiotis Roumbas	Katerina Stavriadis	Anna Tilli	Domenica Tortorici
George Tsantes	Olga Tsounis	Maggie Yannikomchoyan	

**Guests:** Joanne Dion, George Foutrakis and James Di Sano

**Principal:** Serge-Édouard Jeanniton      **Vice-Principals:** Aline Khozozian and Catheryne Porsenna

**Recording Secretary:** Demetra Papazafirooulos

**1. Opening of the Meeting:** Serge-Édouard Jeanniton welcomed the parents. The Governing Board Chair for the 2024-2025 school year, George Hiotis, addressed the parents. Academy Annual Report of the Governing Board for 2024-2025 was distributed to the parents.

**2. Naming of Secretary:** Katerina Stavriadis nominated Demetra Papazafirooulos as the Recording Secretary for the LSA General Assembly of Parents. Motion carried. Demetra Papazafirooulos accepted the nomination and was acclaimed as Recording Secretary for the assembly.

**3. Approval of the Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of Last Year's General Assembly of Parents:** Evan Goudis motioned to approve the minutes of the previous Governing Board. Seconded by: Katerina Stavriadis. Six in favour. The rest abstained. Motion carried.

**5. Governing Board:** Serge-Édouard Jeanniton shared a Governing Board Presentation. The Governing Board is an organization with functions and powers that gives support to the school in order to respond to the needs of students. The guiding principals of the GB members is to believe in the advantages of partnership, investing one's time, accepting of others, exercise care in one's communication, showing solidarity, overcoming difficulties, solving conflicts, having confidence in the group, and the desire to succeed. Meetings are open to the public.

**5.1 Roles and Functions:** The roles and functions of a governing board were reviewed. Every decision of the LJA Governing Board must be made in the best interests of all the students attending the school. Decisions are made by the majority of votes. The governing board has the power to approve, adopt, be consulted, advise, be informed, or make requests on various matters throughout the year.

Approve – the power to say yes. To accept or to refuse a proposal without any possibility of making any changes.

Ex: Rules of Conduct, Subject Time Allocation, ABAV Plan (Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan), safety measures, Student Supervision Policy, rentals - use of premises, enrichment and adaptation of program



of studies, implementation of basic school regulations, educational activities, and field trips.

Adopt – the power to change, to add, or to delete any element of a proposal.

Ex: Annual Operational Budget, Educational Project, Annual School Budget, School Fees & Supply Lists.

Be consulted – to give an opinion with the possibility of influencing a final decision. Matters likely to facilitate the operation of the school and school board and likely to improve the organization of services.

Ex: Deeds of Establishment, Criteria for the Selection of a Principal, and School Board Budget Priorities.

Advise – to express an opinion on a subject.

Be informed – to receive information after the decision has been made without any possibility of changing the decision.

Ex: Textbook proposals and local program of studies to meet specific needs.

Request – to take some initiative to receive information on a subject.

Ex: May organize social, cultural, sport services, contracts for the provision of goods and services, and educational services other than the basic school regulation.

**5.2 Presentation of the GB Annual Report 2024-2025:** The Annual Report had been emailed to all the parents in the invitation prior to the assembly.

**5.3 Word from the PC Delegate:** Jenny Georgiopoulos addressed the parents at the meeting to describe the roles and functions of the Parents Committee Delegate, as well as the importance of representation at said committee.

**5.4 Introduction of the Current Members on Governing Board:** Jenny Georgiopoulos, Nina Rodrigues, and Katerina Stavriadis will be returning to complete term 2 of their 2-year terms. Outgoing Parent Representatives whose terms have expired are: Pino Alberga, Jennifer Charbonneau (substitute) Evan Goudis, George Hiotis, and Domenica Tortorici (substitute)

**5.5 Precisions Regarding Available Seats & Duration of Mandates:** The LS Governing Board requires 4 Parent Representatives, each to be elected for a 2-year term, and 1 Parent Representative for 1-year term. In addition, 2 Substitute Parent Representatives may be elected for a 1-year term.

The Governing Board is composed of 16 voting members (8 parents, 6 teachers, 1 support staff, 1 professional staff). Note, 2 Substitute Parent Representatives may be elected to replace absent regular Parent Representatives. In addition, there are 2 Community Representatives (non-voting) and 2 Student Council Representatives (non-voting). The term is 2 years for regular Parent Representatives, 1 year for Substitute Parent Representatives and 1 year for all other members.

**5.6 Nomination of a President of Elections and of Scrutineers:** Serge-Édouard Jeanniton nominated Aline Khozozian as president of elections and Catheryne Porsenna as scrutineer.

### **5.7 Adoption of the Election Procedure:**

#### **5.7.1 Additional Nominations, if any:**

Time was allotted to make nominations for parents interested in a candidacy. Parents were allotted time to introduce themselves to the parents in attendance at the assembly.

#### For a 2-year Term:

Nina Rodrigues nominated Jennifer Charbonneau. Nomination was accepted.

Jenny Georgiopoulos nominated Evan Goudis. Nomination was accepted.

Katerina Stavriadis nominated Domenica Tortorici. Nomination was accepted.

Panagiota Karvelas nominated Marc Mikhael. Nomination was accepted.



Evan Goudis nominated Peter Ferentinos. Nomination was accepted.  
Jenny Georgiopoulou nominated Demetra Papazafropoulos. Nomination was accepted.

### **5.7.2 Candidates Present Themselves:**

Each candidate addressed the members in attendance.

**5.8 Election of Parent Representatives on the Governing Board:** There were 5 candidates for the four 2-year terms available for election. The vote was conducted by secret ballot. There were 2 candidates for the one 1-year term available. The vote was conducted by secret ballot.

#### Results:

Jennifer Charbonneau, Peter Ferentinos, Marc Mikhael and Demetra Papazafropoulos were elected as Parent Representatives for a 2-year term (2025-2026 and 2026-2027) on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board.

Domenica Tortorici was elected as Parent Representative for a 1-year term (2025-2026) on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board.

**5.9 Election of Substitute Parent Representatives on the Governing Board:** Substitute Parent Representatives can only participate in discussions when replacing absent regular Parent Representatives. There were 2 candidates for the two 1-year terms available. The vote was conducted by secret ballot. In the case of a resignation of a Substitute Parent Representative during their term, the unelected parents will be chosen to replace the outgoing Substitute Parent Representative for the remaining time of the 1-year term.

Evan Goudis accepted to be the alternate representative. There were 2 candidates for the other available 1-year term as Substitute Parent Representatives: Melissa Mulrooney (nominated by Nina Rodrigues) and Panagiotis (Peter) Roumbas. (Nominated by John McWhinnie).

#### Results:

Evan Goudis and Melissa Mulrooney were each elected as Substitute Parent Representatives for a 1-year term. (2025-2026) on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board.

**5.10 Election of the SWLSB Parents' Committee Delegate (Parents' Committee of the SWLSB):** The SWLSB's Parents' Committee (PC) is composed of 1 Parent Representative from each school's governing board. The Parents' Committee Delegate is elected from the Parent Representatives on the Laval Senior Academy Governing Board at the Annual General Assembly of Parents. The SWLSB Parents' Committee holds monthly meetings. The PC Delegate informs the Governing Board of the discussions and information from those meetings.

#### Nominations:

Marc Mikhael nominated himself to be the PC Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Result:

Marc Mikhael was acclaimed as the Laval Senior Academy SWLSB Parents' Committee Delegate for a 1-year term 2025-2026.

**4.6.6 Election of the SWLSB Alternate Parents' Committee Delegate:** Out of the remaining Parent Representatives on the LJA Governing Board, one representative needs to be elected as the Alternate Parents' Committee Delegate to replace the Parents' Committee Delegate, when necessary.

#### Nominations:



Peter Ferentinos nominated himself to be the alternate PC Delegate. Laura Orzea, George Foutrakis seconded. Unanimous. Motion carried unanimously.

Result:

Peter Ferentinos was acclaimed as the Laval Senior Academy SWLSB Alternate Parents' Committee Delegate for a 1-year term 2025-2026.

## **6. Parent Participation Organization (PPO):**

**6.1 Roles and Functions of the PPO.:** There was a discussion on the differences between a PPO and a Home and School Association. The parents at the AGA must vote if LSA will maintain the PPO or form a Home & School Association. Essentially, the difference between a PPO and a Home & School Association is the degree of control each association has over its finances. Both associations organize fundraising activities, organize events for the students, report to the Governing Board, and work in collaboration with the school administration. All fundraising activities are approved by the LSA Governing Board. The PPO is set up by the government and unused funds are returned to the government and purchases must be made via approved suppliers. A Home & School Association can allocate funds as voted by their association members and may carry funds over to the next school year for planned events/ projects. A membership to the QFHSA (Quebec Federation of Home and School) is \$20.00. If a parent has paid the membership fee at another school, then the fee is waived.

**6.2 Decision Regarding the Formation of a PPO:** An open vote was held to determine the formation of a Home and School in lieu of a PPO. Motion was carried unanimously.

**7. Closing of the Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Demetra Papazafiroopoulos

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Demetra Papazafiroopoulos  
Recording Secretary