



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

**In attendance:**

*Principal:* Richard Mason

*Secretary:*

Silvana Di Medio

*Chairperson*

Tracy Friedman

*Parent members:*

Paul Leal, Kathryn Morrow, Elena Salerno, Cathy Stilianesi and Kevin Yanicki

*Teacher members:*

Al Calame, Sunday Skoufaras, Rhonda Steiner and Nadia Varano

*Student Representative:*

None

**In absentia:**

Sofia Khan (Community Representative), Rhonda Steiner (teacher) and Carol Tenenbaum (Professional Staff)

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***The Chairperson established quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:21PM.***

## 1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following items are added to the agenda:

5.4 School Fees

8.2.2 School Fundraisers

**LJHS-GB2013140610-01** Kevin Yanicki **MOVED** the Agenda be accepted with the above-mentioned additions. Seconded by Al Calame.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**LJHS-GB2013140610-02** Kathryn Morrow **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Governing Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Al Calame.

Motion **CARRIED** on the following division  
9 in favour / 0 opposed / 1 abstention

## 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

## 4.0 REPORTS

### 4.1 Chairperson's Report

Tracy Friedman thanked all Governing Board and PPO members for their dedication to LJHS. She also said that it was an honour for her to sit on this committee both as a parent and as Chairperson.

### 4.2 Financial Report

Mr. Mason went over the financial budget as at April 28, 2014.

### 4.3 Principal's Report

*Mr. Mason reported on the following:*

- **Report Cards** will be mailed the week of June 23.
- Teachers will call parents whose children will need to register for **summer school**. This year is the first year that summer school courses will be offered to grade six (6) students.
- **Citizenship Award Night** was held on June 3 at the Colossus Theatre. Caisses Desjardins Chomedey's \$5000 donation helped defray the cost of the evening for expenses such as a light supper, drinks and rental of the room. LJHS/LLHS students accumulated a total of 21,470 hours. Congratulations to all students and especially Mr. Daniel Johnson for his dedication to the program. Mr. Mason thanked all staff members who were instrumental in helping with the set up.

- There were approximately 250 students who attended the **LaRonde Trip** on June 6.
- “**Crazy Camp**” was the fourth successful play this year.
- The end-of-year **Music Concert** held in conjunction with LLHS was wonderful as well. It was quite nice to see how previous LJHS students progressed in music from secondary 1 to 5.
- Students who attended the **New York City Trip** also had a great time; they attended a baseball game, enjoyed a Broadway show and visited the Intrepid and Central Park.
- Due to inclement weather forecast for June 13, the **end-of-year BBQ** is cancelled.
- Mr. Mason showed everyone the **2014-2015 LJHS Agenda cover** which was drawn by Giovanna D.
- Paul Leal inquired if parents should be given the option to send their children to school when there is an **all-school field trip** rather than being told their children must stay home if they don't participate in the all-school field trip. *Mr. Mason responded that it has been his experience that when there are all-school field trips, parents will keep their children home if they are not participating in the field trip.*

#### **4.4 Teachers Report**

*Al Calame* reported teachers are packing for the move and have informed Mr. Mason what they will need in the classrooms at the Daniel Johnson building.

On behalf of all the teachers, *Al Calame* thanked the PPO members for their wonderful work this year and how much it was really appreciated to have a PPO for the first time at LJHS.

#### **4.5 Parents Committee Report**

There was no report but Kevin Yanicki informed everyone that he attended the 3RCPL committee meeting where a PowerPoint on Bullying was presented. It was quite interesting to note that the information presented was from data gathered from both English and French sectors.

#### **4.6 P.P.O. Report**

PPO raised approximately \$2200 this year.

## **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **5.1 Reorganization of Laval High Schools**

*Mr. Mason reported on the following:*

- Teachers have been given release time to sort through their things before having to pack them. With the help of nine (9) movers, teachers will be packing on June 16-17 and Support Staff on July 2.
- Orientation Day will be in August (date to be confirmed). There will be two (2) sessions. The first one in the morning will be for secondary 1 students and the second one in the afternoon will be for secondary 2 students.
- All classes will be on the first floor except for science classes which will be on the second floor. Ninety percent (90%) of teachers will have their own classrooms.
- The elevator is being built as promised.
- The Library move is not as large as anticipated; there are approximately nine hundred (900) boxes being moved from both schools.
- LSHS graduation mosaics will be staying at the Daniel Johnson building; trophies and banners will be moved from LJHS and LSHS to their new buildings.

### **5.2 Rentals**

Rental revenues are not as significant at the Daniel Johnson building. There is a stipulation in the new rental agreement that allows the city of Laval to use the gymnasiums at no cost. The agreement has not been signed yet. P.C.A.I., an Italian school, has signed to rent several classrooms in 2014-2015 for \$10,000.

### **5.3 School Hours Grid**

Mr. Mason presented the School Hours Grid for 2014-2015.

### **5.4 School Fees**

Paul Leal asked if the School Board had gotten in contact with Mr. Mason about the school fees situations. Mr. Mason responded that he has not heard anything so far. Mr. Mason explained that the Director General has mandated the Director of Finance to prepare an analysis on the situation.

Tracy Friedman suggested that a letter be sent to the Director General requesting that once the amount and the process are determined that the Governing Board would like to recommend that parents are given an option to take the refund or refuse it and donate it to LJHS.

**LJHS-GB2013140610-03** Elena Salerno **MOVED** that Kathryn Morrow draft a letter addressed to the Director General and cc'd to the Director of Finance requesting movement on the LJHS Student Supervision Fees issue, including a letter that the LJHS Governing Board would send to their own parents. Seconded by Kevin Yanicki.

Motion **CARRIED** on the following division  
9 in favour / 0 opposed / 1 abstention

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.0 EMAIL VOTES

There were no E-votes to ratify this month.

### 8.0 FIELD TRIPS / FUNDRAISERS

#### 8.1 Field Trips

There were no field trips to approve this month

#### 8.2 Fundraisers

##### 8.2.1 Dress Down Days 2014-2015

**LJHS-GB2013140610-04** Paul Leal **MOVED** that Dress Down Days 2014-2015 be held on the last Friday of every month and support the same charities as this year except that donations in April be allocated to Autism Speaks instead of Burkina Faso. Seconded by Elena Salerno.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously

##### 8.2.2 School Fundraisers 2014-2015

**LJHS-GB2013140610-05** Kevin Yanicki **MOVED** that the LJHS Governing Board suggests that Pizza Days 2014-2015 be held every two (2) weeks alternatively by either LJHS or MTJHS pending approval from MTJHS and the Daniel Johnson building cafeteria manager. Seconded by Al Calame.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously

**9.0 QUESTION PERIOD / VARIA**

Mr. Mason thanked everyone for their participation, Tracy Friedman for her role as Chairperson and all PPO members for their wonderful work this year.

**10.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

<p><b>LJHS-GB2013140610-06</b> Al Calame <b>MOVED</b> to close the meeting at 9:42PM. Seconded by Kathryn Morrow.</p>	<p>Motion <b>CARRIED</b> unanimously</p>
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*Submitted by: Silvana Di Medio*

**Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Tracy Friedman**  
**Governing Board Chairperson 2013-2014**

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**Richard Mason**  
**Principal**