

# LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School Governing Board Minutes

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 6:30 pm - Zoom

### Present:

**Staff representatives -** Karine Baillargeon, Julie Canty-Homier, Susan Cleveland, Meghan Hughes, Cynthia McCulloch, Marie-Pier Michaud, Marcello Sicoli and Cynthia Shyngera

**Parent representatives -** Annette Banton (partly), Deidre Beroog, Laura Ciccone, Debra Davis, Ermenia Di Pietro, Julia Gregory, Diana Keener and John Ranger

Student representatives - Jeremy Macleay and Evan Sherwood

Community representatives - Robert MacKinnon and Roland Schubert

**Commissioner - None present** 

Administration - Christine Donald, Krista Jemczyk and Wusua Mitchell

Regrets: Amrit Grewal and Lori Morrison

Absent: None

# 1. Call to Order (quorum, welcome)

Quorum was confirmed at 6:33 pm

# 2. Adoption of the agenda

Motioned by J. Canty-Homier, seconded by D. Davis

### 3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

- Corrections: M.-P. Michaud sent regrets and C. McCulloch was present
- Adjournment time: 7:37 pm
- Motioned by K. Baillargeon, seconded by C. McCulloch

## 4. Business Arising from previous meeting

- None

### 5. Public Question Period

- Since the Grade 9s were not offered a trip this year, could they go to Toronto with the Grade 8s in May?
   (Parent via email)
  - As explained in a previous meeting, once travel restrictions were lifted, there was not much time to plan a trip for the Grade 9s (traditionally it was a trip to the US)
  - Grade 9 Leadership students were invited to the retreat, and Grade 9 students in Robotics attended an overnight trip for their competition in Trois-Rivières
  - Typically, we do not mix students from different cycles
  - With exams approaching, it may not be ideal to fit the Grade 9s onto an overnight trip
  - See item 6.1.c) for a proposed Washington/New York trip for Grade 9s and 10s next year
- Will next year's Grade 11 students be allowed to keep wearing the hoodie despite the changes to the uniform made this year? (Parent via email)
  - No Students, parents and staff were surveyed by the Uniform Subcommittee last year, and it
    was agreed that this would be the only year to phase out the hoodie
  - There was no grace period for buying the new skorts

- Parents were informed at the end of the previous school year that the hoodie would no longer be permitted to be worn after this June
- Please spread the word that the hoodie will be replaced with the crewneck or zip-up, no grace period after June 2023

#### 6. New Business

- 6.1. Approval of field trips, rentals, fundraisers
  - a) May 15th: Grade 9 field trip to the Canadian History and War museums in Ottawa/Gatineau Departing at 8 am and returning around 7 pm by school bus

1:20 ratio

No charge to students (covered by *Sorties culturelles* grant)

Motioned by C. Shyngera, seconded by S. Cleveland - Carried

b) June 22nd: Senior Day at Calypso waterpark (Sec 5s)

8:30 am to 5 pm by bus

1:10 ratio

\$50 charge per student (includes bus, entrance and free lunch)

Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by S. Cleveland - Carried

c) Proposed trip to Washington/New York for next year's Grade 9s and 10s (and maybe Grade 11s not going to Europe)

April 7th-12th, 2024

Estimating \$1500-1800 per student

Asking for permission to hold meetings and collect a refundable deposit to gauge student interest - this provides parents time to save up and students to get a job (if necessary) Motioned by M.-P. Michaud, seconded by J. Canty-Homier - Carried

d) Proposed humanitarian trip to Greece in 2024

Mission: Animal rescue and beach clean-up

3-star hotel, fully boarded

Max 30 students from all grades

Itinerary to come

Motioned by J. Canty-Homier, seconded by M. Sicoli - Carried

e) LaSalle summer camp will run from June 26th to August 18th at LCCHS

June 26th-29th: Access to outdoor grounds, the gym and washrooms only

After June 29th: Access to 4-6 classrooms (depending on number of children), washrooms, gym, outdoor playground

Access will NOT be permitted to staff rooms/lounges, fitness room, music room and art room Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by K. Baillargeon - Carried

## 6.2. Consultation: Three-Year Plan 2023-2026

- Ms. Deborah Dixon joined the meeting to answer questions received pertaining to the allocation of 2 classrooms to Allion
- It is currently the consultation period, so we are invited to send in a response (deadline: June 12th), and the Council of Commissioners will decide in June
- Questions to be shared with and sent out by D. Keener
- Motion for a subcommittee to contribute to the response D. Keener will send an email asking who is interested in taking part

Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by M. Hughes

#### \*7:59 pm - Motion to extend the meeting until 8:15 pm

- Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by J. Ranger

- 6.4. Grade 9 Essentials Math curriculum (Presented by Math teacher, Ms. Rebecca Mitchell)
  - To increase our success rate in Grade 10 Math, the Math department is proposing a redesigned Grade 9 Math curriculum to focus on essential topics for Grade 10
    - IB students would follow the current Grade 9 curriculum
    - Regular & Immersion students with 80+ in Grade 8 Math would follow the current Grade 9 curriculum
    - The rest of the Regular & Immersion students would follow the new Grade 9 Math Essentials curriculum
    - After mid-year exams, students who are capable of following the current curriculum but who were placed in the *Essentials* course can be caught up and recommended for Math 4 SN
    - Thank you to the Math department for taking the time to design the *Essentials* course to better serve the needs of our students
    - 14 members in favour Carried

## 6.3. End-of-year gathering for last GB meeting

- Our last GB meeting is scheduled for June 20th and we still have \$671 left in our budget
- J. Ranger, M. Hughes and C. Shyngera volunteered to make food arrangements
- Please send any allergies or dietary restrictions to D. Keener
- Decision to meet on June 6th to have time to discuss our response to the Three-Year Plan
  - We will attempt to make this our final meeting for the school year (rather than June 20th)

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## 7. Reports

### 7.2. Staff

- The dance was a great success 210 tickets were purchased and students are already asking for another one next year
- Since there were not enough performers for a variety show, an open mic pop-up activity will be held during the lunch hours on Friday, May 12th anyone interested in performing can do so
- IB Community & Service hours are due on May 23rd for Sec 1-4, Sec 5 students' hours have all be submitted successfully
- Personal Project exhibition on May 31st during the awards ceremony
- Awards ceremonies on May 31st Sec 1-2 in the afternoon after the mini-day, Sec 4 in the evening, Sec 5 awards to be conferred at convocation
- Meeting for all Sec 5 students on May 8th at lunch to provide info document regarding yearbook, Senior Day, pictures, prom, convocation and grad write-ups, etc
- We are in the GMAA spring season with track and field events, flag football and a provincial championship
- Leadership will run Culture Days activities during lunch next week (games, activities and poster boards)
- In their alliance including Lakeside Academy, LCCHS Sonic Howl placed 4th overall
- Teachers' collective agreement ended on March 30th and mobilization has begun

### 7.1. Principal

- We will be offering "Saturday School" preparatory classes to Sec 4 students in order to prepare for their ministry exams (History, Math CST and Science); they will run in person for 4 weeks (May 13th, 20th, 27th and June 3rd), 3 hours per session (9 am - 12 pm)
- The May/June exam schedule was presented by Ms. Jemczyk

- LCCHS and Beaconsfield High School have been chosen for Projet Novateur to support French acquisition in immigrant students and those struggling greatly it will run fluidly; students can move back into their regular French class and be replaced by other students in need
- The Bad Monkey popcorn fundraiser raised \$326 PPO will start planning fundraising in advance for next year
- Two different research studies are taking place at LCCHS: Social Polarization Research (Université de Montréal) and Survey PCAP (Pan-Canadian Assessment Program)
- May 31st (mini-day) will be the try-on day for the 2023-2024 uniform tentative time 1:30 pm in the Mall area; an email will be sent to new and current parents

## 7.2. Students

- Nothing to report
- 7.3. LBPSB Parent Committee Representative
  - No report
- 7.4. PPO No report
- 7.5. Commissioner
  - See emailed report
- 7.6. Community Representatives
  - Nothing to report
- 7.7. Correspondence
  - None
- 8. Varia
  - None
- 9. Next Meeting: June 6th, 2023 IN PERSON at 6:30 pm
- 10. Adjournment
  - Motioned by E. Sherwood, seconded by J. Ranger at 8:32 pm