



Minutes of the fourth (4th) meeting of the 2024-2025 LRHS Governing Board held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Teams.

Present: Chloée Alary, Cindy Angelini, Melissa Hadley, Renée Kennette, Sylvain Simpson, Nathalie Szabo, Parent representatives; Emma Kennedy, Elaine Jetté, Laurie Matthews, Daphne Petersen, Teacher representatives

Alternate parents: Jennifer Turcotte, Ledis Beaudin Valdes (both voting members)

Also present were: Nadia Anwar, Ken Gordon, Administrators; Sara Ogilvie, CLC Coordinator

Regrets: Tara Anderson, Michelle Deslauriers

The vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1.0 Verification of Quorum

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

3.0 Approval of Agenda

GB20241217-01 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the agenda be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2024

GB20241217-02 Jennifer Turcotte MOVED THAT the minutes of November 26, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Question Period

No questions.

6.0 Business Arising

None this month

7.0 New Business

7.1 Rental of School Facilities

There are no new requests.

7.2 Anti-Bullying, Anti-Violence Plan (ABAV)

Presented by the Principal, Vice Principal and CLC Coordinator.

In the 2024-2025 school year, LRHS will continue to prioritize the students' concerns. The focus will center around three things: the students' sense of belonging, their personal interests and motivations towards school, and persisting to reduce Exclusion, Harassment and Bullying (EHB) at LRHS.

The EHB has been reduced 4% over the past 8 months, but will now focus on where the EHB takes place within the school, and at what times within the day. Furthermore, those who have experienced EHB need to come forward with information to the staff when it occurs. The data states that the school staff are the last to know when EHB happens; the students need to advocate for themselves in these occasions. This is important because the numbers registered show that it does not come from the student to the staff, it comes from home or from other students. Students must come forward so the school can deal with it effectively. Most EHB happens on break time and it happens mostly in the hallways.

The ABAV committee will continue to open conversations with both students and staff to find ways to share ideas for positive changes and solutions. Moreover, the committee will share the results of the Our School Survey with all staff members to raise awareness of the students' current and evolving concerns. The school's CLC coordinator will then utilize her contacts and creative resourcefulness to engage within the school's community. LRHS wants to build a foundation for the years to come.

The student's definition of feeling safe in school varies from person to person.

We are trending upwards over the last three surveys due to the prevention measures that we have put in place.

[ABAV Plan 2024-2025](#) The ABAV Plan will be posted on the website.

GB20241217-03 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the ABAV Plan be approved. Seconded by Natalie Szabo.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3 Budget

[Governing Board Report - November 2024.pdf](#)

- We have started making phone calls for the school fees. Many families indicated that they were not aware the fees were due and distributed, but they are starting to make payments.
- Of our 566 students, 256 have a balance over \$10. (55% of the school fees are paid.) This is an increase compared to November 2024.
- Because of the class action suit for school fees, a settlement occurred, and each school was given an amount of money to spend for families in need (ex: not able to pay their school fees)
- LRHS received 14 039\$. The goal is to use this amount to offset the balance of uncollected school fees at the end of the year. More details on this at a subsequent Governing Board meeting.

7.4 Educational Project

- Statistics from the first term on vulnerable students and literacy work with the secondary 1 students was discussed. Teachers will be working with students on literacy after the holidays.
- Letters for Honor Roll and At-Risk students were sent to families.
- The statistics for parent-teacher interview were presented. Only the parents of 82 students came to parent teacher interviews. The school has some work to do to encourage parents whose child is at risk to come and speak to their teachers.
- In response to comment from Sylvain Simpson, many parents whose children are at risk did not come to parent teacher interview.
- In response to a question from Melissa Hadley, parents whose children are at risk are advised that they should be meeting the teacher, either through a phone call, email or a letter. This is repeated for the second term. Often it is during course selection where parents notice that their child is not successful. Parents are aware when their child is at risk.
- In response to a question from Chloee Alary, the percentage of parents who attend parent teacher has gone down.
- When teachers need to meet students, their names are given to the secretary and they are called to book an appointment.
- It is hopeful that the parent teacher interview for the second term online will have more parents attend.

7.5 Semi-formal for 2025 grads

- The grad committee is working to find a venue for the graduates of 2025 so that they can hold their grad formal. It will be an exterior venue and something that will not exceed 50\$ per student.
- The date chosen is Friday January 24, 2025 and will start around 6 pm.

GB20241217-04 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the semi-formal for 2025 grads activity be approved. Seconded by Natalie Szabo.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

In response to a question from Renée Kennette, the graduation ceremony is on October 4, 2025.

7.6 Budget Building Consultation

The consultation period is from December 12, 2024 to February 15, 2025. Please ensure that the survey related to this consultation has been completed by February 15, 2025. A response is required from all consulted stakeholders. [SWLSB 2025-2026 Budget Consultation Survey.pdf](#)

The members agree that the principal send out a mock survey to members to fill out individually and at the next meeting the results will be reviewed. Members are encouraged to read through the links in the document to be ready to fill out the survey and discuss at the next meeting.

8.0 Field Trips/Activities

9. Fundraisers

9.1 Candy Bucket for the Fact and Fiction Group

- The Fact and Fiction group would like to organize a fundraiser.
- Candy buckets - students sell buckets of candy (most likely Kandju brand). Different sized buckets can be ordered priced between \$7 and \$38 each. Students will take orders, and all the candy will come at once to be distributed to those who ordered.

GB20241217-05 Ledis Beaudin Valdes MOVED THAT the LRHS Fact and Fiction candy bucket fundraiser be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 Top Shot Dinner for the Fact and Fiction Group

- The Fact and Fiction group would like to organize a fundraiser dinner at Top Shot in Lachute.
- Tickets will be sold for \$25 which includes a full dinner (no alcohol drinks). One set plate for adults and one for children.
- It will take place either in February or after March break.
- All proceeds will go to the individuals selling the tickets. This is only for the Fact and Fiction trip. It will help to reduce the cost.

GB20241217-06 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the LRHS Fact and Fiction Top Shot fundraiser be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

9.3 Days for Girls Jewelry Sale

- The students of the Days for Girls group are currently making jewelry. The goal is to sell before the Holiday break. The sale will be over three lunch periods from December 18 to December 20.
- All proceeds will be given to the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal and/or Days for Girls in Congo, Africa.

GB20241217-07 Ledis Beaudin Valdes MOVED THAT the Days for Girls jewelry sale be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

10. Reports

10.1 PPO

- The 12 Days of Giving has ended, and we want to say a great big THANK YOU! Over 700 items were donated.
- 28 families will be receiving a Christmas Basket. Deliveries will be made this week.
- To complete the Christmas baskets, we will buy fresh foods (bread, eggs, milk, fruits and vegetables, breakfast bar items and local farm meat pie)
- Volunteers will be present this week to help with this.

10.2 Principal

- Governing board training power point that took place on October 2024: [GB Training 2024 10 01.pdf](#)

10.3 Teachers

- Two former students would like to present to current students on the value of finishing their high school.
- Getting ready for the retake exams for the senior students which will take place in January 2025. Letters will be sent to these families as a reminder with the date of the exams confirmed.
- For the last week, the following activities will be taking place: [Holiday Schedule .pdf](#)
- We will have an Honor Roll pizza lunch this week to celebrate student achievement.
- Parents of secondary 5 at-risk students were contacted by Ms. Anwar and Ms. St-Jacques to let them know that they are at risk of not graduating.



10.4 Parents Committee

- The December meeting was cancelled.
- Click on the link for a message from Ms. Anderson and Ms. Alary: [Christmas letter 2024.pdf](#)

10.5 CLC

- Worked on Christmas baskets
- CCQ meetings on activities planned for the new year.

11. Question Period

In response to a question from Jennifer Turcotte, students may fundraise on their own for the Quebec trip providing they do not use the LRHS name.

12. Varia

13. Adjournment

Next meeting January 28, 2025

GB20241217-08 Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Ledis Beaudin Valdes.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved January 28th,2025

Principal



Chairperson



Submitted by:

Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary