Minutes of the third (3rd) meeting of the 2025-2026 LRHS Governing Board held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Teams.

Present: Chloée Alary, Tara Anderson, Michelle Deslauriers, Melissa Hadley, Narnia Pacheco, Sylvain Simpson, Natalie Szabo, Parents; Bethany Cere, Elaine Jetté, Laurie Matthews, and Daphne Petersen, Teachers; Sara Ogilvie, Support Staff (CLC Coordinator)
Alternate parents: Ledis Beaudin Valdes
Also present were: Nadia Anwar, Ken Gordon, Administrators; Desiree Ramacieri, Commissioner
Regrets: Cindy Angelini, Thalia Thorburn, Jennifer Turcotte

The vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 Verification of Quorum

2.0 Additions to the Agenda
Add: 7.5 New dates for the Europe Trip

3.0 Approval of Agenda

GB20251125-01 Bethany Cere MOVED THAT the agenda be approved with the addition. Seconded by Melissa Hadley.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2025

GB20251125-02 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the minutes of October 28, 2025 be approved. Seconded by Natalie Szabo.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Question Period

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Summary of the questions from the Governing Board Training
Please use the link below to access the document containing all questions submitted during the October 8, 2025 workshop.
Summary_GB Questions.pdf

7.0 New Business

7.1 Request from the 4H club

- As in previous years, we have agreed to lend them the school at no cost for the dates and times they require the space. The group's coordinator will email the principal directly to let me know whenever the school is needed.
- The request can be found here: Request for the 4H 2025-2026.pdf

GB20251125-03 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the Request from the 4H club be approved. Seconded by Sylvain |Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

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

- The results of the Our School Survey are now available and ready for analysis and consultation.
- A committee has been formed to focus on this work and to support the development of the 2025–2026 School Year Plan.
- The committee met on Friday, November 21, 2025, to develop the ABAV plan based on the data analyzed from the Our School Survey. It was a productive session.
- The documents are in the PowerPoint sent to members.

- In response to a question from Chloée Alary, some of the graphs in the report are positive.
- Working on students advocating for themselves and each other when it comes to bullying in school.
- It is possible that, from a student's perspective, a situation may appear to be quickly brushed off by a teacher. While the school does not dismiss concerns of this nature, individual staff responses may sometimes be perceived that way. If you are hearing comments like this from your child at home, we encourage you to inform the school so the situation can be reviewed and appropriately addressed.
- When students come forward to report bullying, staff do conduct follow-ups, which are a key part of the school's prevention measures. Every student should feel heard and validated when reporting concerns. Even if staff are busy at the moment the report is made, they will ensure follow-up occurs so the student knows their concern is taken seriously. The level of response and who manages the situation depends on the severity of the incident. Staff also follow up with parents after a few weeks and encourage families to notify the school if the issue persists.

GB20251125-04 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the Anti-Bullying, Anti-Violence Plan (ABAV) be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Budget Update

The budget report for October 2025 is provided here and was explained by the principal. Governing Board Budget October 2025-2026.pdf.

- The principal will bring the school designated accounts to the members at the next meeting.
- The school continues to collect school fees.

7.4 Rentals

La Foire de Noël

- La Foire de Noël is returning this year on Friday, November 28, 2025, and will be hosted at Lavigne and LRHS until Sunday, November 30, 2025.
- The event is organized by the MRC d'Argenteuil.
- Because this is a community event that supports the city of Lachute and provides visibility for local businesses, the school does not generate revenue from this rental.
- However, maintenance costs must still be covered, and the organization is responsible for paying the related staffing expenses, which total $1,379.70.

GB20251125-05 Natalie Szabo MOVED THAT the Foire de Noël rental be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Club d'Haltérophilie

- The Club d'Haltérophilie will be hosting an event on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The event is expected to welcome between 25 and 50 participants.
- They will only be responsible for covering the maintenance costs, as they have already paid the annual rental fee for the room they are using.
- The total maintenance cost for this event is $321.93.

GB20251125-06 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the Club d'Haltérophilie rental be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

New Dates for Europe Trip

- Given the smaller number of participants this year, we needed to combine our group with another tour in order to keep the cost manageable. As a result of this consolidation, the departure date has shifted to Saturday, April 18, 2026 (instead of Tuesday, April 21), and our return will be slightly earlier as well, with arrival on Tuesday April 28, 2026.
- This year's tour will visit only Italy, whereas last year's itinerary included Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France.
- The total cost of the trip is now 4900$

GB20251125-07 Daphne Petersen MOVED THAT the new date for the Europe trip be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Field Trips/Activities

8.1 Holocaust Museum

- A total of 116 Secondary 2 students will be visiting the Holocaust Museum in Montreal, accompanied by 8 teachers. This provides a supervision ratio of approximately 1:15.
- Students will depart from LRHS at 8:45 a.m. and return in time for regular bus transportation at the end of the day.
- This trip will require three buses, and it is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2026.
- The field trip will be funded through the Inspiring School measure. The estimated cost for the buses is $2,574.61, and museum admission will be approximately $1,392. In addition, we will need to cover substitution costs for teachers who are not exclusively teaching Secondary 2.
- In total, the field trip is expected to cost approximately $5,000.

GB20251125-08 Elaine Jetté MOVED THAT the Holocaust Museum trip be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Christmas Concert

- Mr. Stagg would like to hold his annual Christmas Concert Tour in several of our elementary schools as well as at a senior residence.
- On Thursday, December 11, 2025, performances would take place at GES and LES, and the students would also visit the Rotary Apartments in Lachute.
- On Friday, December 12, 2025, the tour would continue at Laurentia, Ste-Adèle, and Morin Heights.
- Approximately eight students will be selected by Mr. Stagg to participate in these outings. No bus transportation is required; the students will travel with Mr. Stagg. There is no cost for students, and no additional teacher supervision is needed.
- The only expense is the release time which will be funded through the Agir Autrement measure.

GB20251125-09 Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the Christmas Concert Tour be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Equestrian Club: Visit to the Animal Clinic

- The Equestrian Club is planning an outing to the veterinary clinic on Bethany Street in Lachute.
- Students will tour the large animal clinic and participate in a Q&A session with 1–2 veterinarians, covering topics such as the day-to-day life of a vet, the path to becoming a veterinarian, and other related subjects.
- Students will depart from school at 12:35 p.m. and return in time for regular bus transportation. Transportation to and from the clinic will be by bus.
- This outing is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025, and will be open to all students in the Equestrian Club. The supervision ratio will be approximately 1 teacher for every 10 students, with 15–20 students expected to participate.
- The costs for the bus, a $10 entry fee per student, and release time for the two teachers will be covered by the ECA measure. Therefore, this field trip is free for students.

GB20251125-10 Bethany Cere MOVED THAT the Equestrian Club trip be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Equestrian Club – Charm Activity

- This activity is being generously offered for free by one of our former students, Lily Mactavish.
- Although the activity normally costs $11 per student, the fee will be fully covered by a donation from Lily, making it free of charge for participating students.
- She will visit LRHS on Friday, January 30, 2026, to lead a charm-making activity for all students in the Equestrian Club who are interested.
- The activity includes a charm bracelet and two charms. Students may choose to purchase additional materials if they wish to make more than one bracelet.
- The session will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will need to attend their fourth-period class.

GB20251125-11 Daphne Petersen MOVED THAT the Equestrian Club trip be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Fundraisers

9.1 Grad Bake Sale

- On Thursday, November 27, 2025, during parent-teacher interviews, the Grad Committee plans to sell baked goods and hot chocolate.
- All proceeds will go directly to the Grad Committee to help reduce the cost of the end-of-year prom for students.

GB20251125-12 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the Grad Bake Sale be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Days For Girls Fundraiser

- The Days for Girls group would like to sell the crafts they have made to teachers and students on Thursday, December 18, 2025, and Friday, December 19, 2025.
- All proceeds will go directly to the organization behind Days for Girls. The school will not receive any profit from this activity.

GB20251125-13 Bethany Cere MOVED THAT the Days for Girls fundraiser be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Reports

10.1 PPO

- We will need volunteers to begin working on the Christmas baskets.
- Sara Ogilvie will contact the volunteers who provided their names at the beginning of the year and will reach out to coordinate their participation.
- The contact for Christmas gifts will be participating again this year.
- The baskets will likely be prepared on December 11 and 12.

10.2 Principal

- We had a successful lockdown practice on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Feedback from the seven police officers present was very positive. They were able to speak with all students and teachers following the practice. We are pleased that we were able to rehearse this important procedure.
- The first-term report cards have been released. Using these, we will identify our most vulnerable students and begin reaching out to emphasize the importance of remediation and catching up on any gaps.
- The honor roll lists are expected to be available before Friday, November 28, 2025. Families of students on the honor roll should receive notification via email before the end of the week.
- Students achieving honor roll status will be recognized in December 2025.

10.3 Teachers

- We had a very successful Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, with strong attendance from the community.
- Ms. Danielle St-Jacques, along with the Lavigne guidance counselor, once again organized an excellent Career Fair on Monday, November 3, 2025. Student and teacher participation from LRHS was strong, though attendance from families during the evening session was low. This portion of the event may need to be reconsidered or reorganized for future years.
- On Monday, November 24, 2025, we launched the 12 Days of Giving campaign. All information was sent to families via email and is also available on Facebook and our school website.
- A group of Secondary 4 and 5 students is preparing for their trip to New York, departing on Friday, November 28, 2025, and returning on Sunday, November 30, 2025.
- Our Leadership students are planning several activities leading up to Christmas. On Wednesday, November 26, 2025, they will host a Crazy Hair Day. They are also organizing a Staff vs. Students sports game on Friday, December 5, 2025, with the specific sport to be announced soon.
- During lunch on Friday, December 19, 2025, Leadership students will organize additional activities for students. An extended lunch period for this event has already been approved by Teacher Council.

10.4 Parents Committee

The following will contain the highlights of the Thursday November 13, 2025. Please follow the link to access the report: Parents' Committee to Council of Commissioners Report November 13th 2025.pdf

10.5 CLC

- Here's a link to this month's report:
- The Secondary 1 CCQ class embarked on a Eco-Responsibility Project.pdf that will be shared with the city councilor in Lachute and the school board.

11.0 Question Period

12.0 Varia

13.0 Adjournment

GB20251125-14 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved on Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

Principal

Chairperson

Submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary