



Minutes of the sixth (6th) meeting of the 2025-2026 LRHS Governing Board held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. via Teams.

Present: Tara Anderson, Cindy Angelini, Michelle Deslauriers, Melissa Hadley, Sylvain Simpson, Natalie Szabo, Parents; Bethany Cere, Elaine Jetté, Laurie Matthews, and Daphne Petersen, Teachers; Sara Ogilvie, Support Staff (CLC Coordinator)

Alternate parents: Jennifer Turcotte, Ledis Beaudin Valdes, Thalia Thorburn

Also present were: Nadia Anwar, Ken Gordon, Administrators

Regrets: Chloée Alary, Narnia Pacheco

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

1.0 Verification of Quorum

Quorum was established.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

3.0 Approval of Agenda

GB20260428-01 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the agenda be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

4.0 Approval of Minutes of March 31, 2026

GB20260428-02 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the minutes of March 31, 2026 be approved. Seconded by Elaine Jetté.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

5.0 Question Period

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Update on the dress code proposal

- At the most recent staff meeting, the possibility of introducing a dress code, either based on specific colors or incorporating a school-branded sweater was discussed. The conversation was productive, with Ms. Anwar outlining potential advantages and challenges as part of wider considerations for updates to the code of conduct. Many staff members shared their perspectives.
- A vote was held to determine whether it would be worthwhile for Ms. Anwar to gather additional information, particularly regarding potential costs for families and the implications of implementing a dress code or uniform. The vote was close but ultimately supported moving forward with further research before any decisions are made. It was noted that if the code of conduct changes, consistent staff support will be essential for successful implementation.
- Ms. Anwar will now examine the logistics, as well as the methods and procedures required for such a change. Once this information is available, it will be presented to staff for further discussion. At this time, no changes are being proposed, and none will be implemented until the topic is revisited. Legal obligations will also be reviewed with the head office. While many staff members are interested in the idea, there is general consensus that there is currently no significant dress code issue at the school.
- This item will return on a future agenda.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Budget

[April 2026 Budget Report.pdf](#)

Currently, 115 out of 556 students have an outstanding school fee balance, representing 21% of the student population. A second and final notice has been sent, and follow-up phone calls will continue. Families have been advised that if payment is not made before Friday, May 1, 2026, their accounts will be sent to collections.

- Some funds have been deposited into several SD accounts since our last Governing Board meeting. For the Days for Girls fundraisers, the details are as follows:
 - Deposit on Jan 15, 2026: \$497.60
 - Deposit on Feb 26, 2026: \$563.70
 - Deposit on Apr 16, 2026: \$303.55
- Total: \$1,364.85 has been raised and deposited into 84SD-PPOF. The funds will remain there until a payment is made to the organization. The Governing Board will be informed once the payment has been completed.

- The students working at La Friperie made the following
 - Deposit on Feb 10, 2026: 142.50
 - Deposit on Apr 15, 2026: 170.00
 - Total raised in the Friperie so far this year: 312.50
- Total in the Friperie account as of today April 17, 2026: 671.00\$. The amount is available in 84SD-FRIP
- Today the maintenance team put up the picnic table out that was purchased with last years funds. Looking at purchasing more of these.

GB20260428-03 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the Governing Board was informed of the two deposits into the above noted SD accounts. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Workbook Confirmation of Prices and Use

- Teachers have been consulted on the workbooks to be used for the 2026–2027 school year. These materials will be used by students in their classes and will therefore be included in the school fees charged to families. Following consultation with all teachers and their respective departments, please find below the link to the workbooks approved at Teacher Council.
- Printing costs will be addressed at the May meeting.
- Only addition is the History for secondary 3 workbook – Journeys.
- [- Work Book - 2026-2027.pdf](#)

GB20260428-04 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the workbook fees for all grade levels be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Grad Ticket Sale

- LRHS Prom is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2026, at Cabane à Sucre Constantin, in Saint-Eustache. The evening will begin at 4:30 pm, when parents are invited. At 5:30 pm, a group photo will be taken with all students, followed by the official start of the evening. Parents will be asked to return between 10:00 and 10:30 pm to pick up their children.
- Ticket sales will begin the week of May 4, 2026, and will take place every Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. Tickets are \$105 (cash only), which includes the meal, venue, decorations, and DJ.
- Students may bring a guest, either from LRHS or from outside the school. All guests must be at least 16 years old and must complete a permission slip before purchasing a ticket.
- For any questions or further clarification, graduating students may contact Ms. Malis.

GB20260428-05 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the grad prom tickets sale be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Rentals

La Coupe de l'Avenir

- The school has received a request to host La Coupe de l'Avenir. The organization will require access to 25 classrooms, one gymnasium, locker rooms, showers, and the cafeteria.
- The event is scheduled to take place from June 29 to July 6, 2026, with the school in use 24 hours a day throughout this period.
- No alcohol will be permitted during the event. The organization will work closely with the maintenance team to ensure that summer cleaning can proceed without disruption while the facilities are in use.
- Approximately 200 participants and 8 supervisors are expected to attend.
- The rental fee will be \$400 per day, for a total of \$3,200 in revenue for the school. Maintenance costs will total \$6,765, which will be fully covered by the organization; no profit will be generated from these fees. The total value of the contract, including taxes, is \$11,457.26. The net revenue for the school will be \$3,200.
- This payment will be made at the end of the event so the money will be part of the 2026-2027 school year.

GB20260428-06 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the *Coupe de l'Avenir* rental be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Archery

- This request is for an activity taking place during the 2026–2027 school year.
- A group has proposed organizing archery classes with approximately 40 participants to take place in the gym on Fridays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, running from September 10, 2026, to May 28, 2027.
- There will be no additional maintenance costs, as custodial staff will be working during their regular shifts.
- The rental fee is \$40 per hour for the gym. At 2.5 hours per session, this amounts to \$100 per evening. Over 32 sessions, the total revenue is \$3,200.
- The total value of the contract, including taxes, is \$3,679.20. The net revenue for the school will be \$3,200.
- This payment will be made at the end of the event so the money will be part of the 2026-2027 school year.

GB20260428-07 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the archery rental be approved. Seconded by Jennifer Turcotte.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.5 Senior Dance proposal

- The organization of a senior dance for Secondary 3, 4, and 5 students is currently being considered.
- The proposed event would take place on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students would be required to leave the school and school grounds at the end of the regular day and return at 6:00 p.m. for the dance.
- The event would be held in the small cafeteria (Games Room).
- Tickets would be \$10 per participant, covering a snack, a drink, and decorations for the evening. The dance would be supervised by teachers and support staff.
- While the event may not proceed, approval is being sought in advance should it move forward.

GB20260428-08 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the senior dance activity be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

8.0 Field Trips

9.0 Fundraisers

9.1 National Denim Day 2026

- National Denim Day will be held on Tuesday, May 12.
- In recognition of long-standing supporters such as Laurentian Regional High School, the Foundation is introducing the Pink Table initiative. As part of this campaign, the school will receive a 4' x 6' pink tablecloth to display in a shared space for the school community to gather around this symbol of support. Each table will feature a QR code linking directly to CURE's website for those who wish to learn more or make a donation.
- Every contribution makes a meaningful difference. To date, Laurentian Regional High School has raised over \$2,000, and this ongoing commitment is greatly appreciated.

- An email will also be sent to all families, and a post will be shared on the school's social media platforms to promote the initiative.

GB20260428-09 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the National Denim Day fundraiser be approved. Seconded by Michelle Deslauriers.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

9.2 Participation with Lavigne in the bra collection

- A student from Lavigne visited the office to meet with Ms. Anwar on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, to inquire about the school's interest in supporting a French class initiative to collect bras (soutiens-gorge) as part of a fundraising effort.
- As part of this initiative, \$1 is donated for each bra collected in partnership with La Vie en Rose. While the student was unable to fully clarify the broader purpose of the campaign, it was indicated that her teacher, Sara Lebrun, is coordinating a collection across the Argenteuil region and is seeking participation from additional schools.
- If the Governing Board agrees to proceed, Ms. Anwar will gather further information and coordinate with Lavigne to support and promote the initiative.

GB20260428-10 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the LRHS governing board supports the fundraiser in partnership with Lavigne High School. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

10.0 Reports

10.1 PPO

10.2 Principal

- The number of students registered at LRHS for the 2026–2027 school year is currently 597. This is number of bodies. When looking at weighted enrolment LRHS is close to 625. Staffing and budget is done using weighted enrolment
- Staffing work is ongoing. The recall process for support staff has been completed, and all support staff, including office staff, attendants, and special education technicians have confirmed their return to LRHS. All E1 teachers have also been confirmed as returning, while confirmation for E2 teachers is still pending. All recall meetings will be done in June so hopefully when we return in August we will be fully staffed.
- Consultation with staff has begun regarding updates to the code of conduct, school fees (of which half were approved at this meeting), and the school supplies list. These items are expected to be presented to the Governing Board in May 2026 for final approval.
- Following discussions with the school's special needs committee and Teacher Council, it has been confirmed that the focus for the supporting teacher team in 2026–2027 will remain on literacy at the Cycle 1 level. This team has done a great job preparing additional support for students and it is showing improvement. Staffing will be aligned accordingly.
- In addition, discussions have begun regarding the development of a plan to further support the French department in strengthening student achievement in French. The French department and school administration will continue to collaborate on this initiative to support students. The biggest challenge is when students arrive in secondary 1 without French. Looking at ways to support the student better. May 12 Ms. Anwar will be meeting with the French department to see what other avenues can be looked at.
- The parity committee at the head office has confirmed funding for three 50% support teacher positions. The school will explore the possibility of securing a fourth position, while ensuring appropriate funds are allocated for French initiatives.

10.3 Teachers

- We are currently working to ensure that all student accommodations, as outlined in their respective IEPs, will be respected and implemented during the final examinations.
- The track activity that was approved for Thursday, May 28, 2026, has been cancelled. This is due to changes made by the RSEQ association to the scheduled dates, which now conflict with the existing exam timetable.
- We have received the official calendar from head office, which was presented to Teacher Council for consultation. Key dates, as well as the pedagogical day, still need to be added. This will be reviewed at the May 2026 Teacher Council meeting and then brought back to the May 2026 Governing Board for approval.
- Governing Board members who wish to view the 2026–2027 school calendar may access it through the following link.
<https://www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/en/schools/school-calendar/>

- On Friday, May 22, 2026, it was proposed at Teacher Council that a teacher versus students softball game be organized. The activity would take place during lunch hour, with no extension to the regular lunch period. Promotion will be done within the school to recruit participants, and all students will be encouraged to attend and support their chosen team. A backup date has been set for Thursday, May 26, 2026.
- We have also received news that one of our students will be participating in Starfest, the entertainment segment of the Laurier Gala, which will take place at Château Royal at the end of May 2026. Cedric Bell-Durocher will be one of the performers.
- As previously communicated on Facebook and approved by the Governing Board earlier in the year, the Art Show will take place starting the week of May 4, 2026. The exhibition will run daily within the school, with an opportunity for parents to visit on Thursday, May 7, 2026, after school to view student work. Parents who have purchased tickets will also be able to attend the dance show. This week represents an important opportunity to showcase the artistic talents of our students.
- Mr. Stagg will be organizing music shows during the week of June 1, 2026. Students will not miss any classes, as all performances will take place after school. The schedule is as follows:
 - Monday, June 1: Secondary 1
 - Tuesday, June 2: Secondary 2
 - Wednesday, June 3: Secondary 3
 - Thursday, June 4: Secondary 4 and 5
- We are currently organizing the Annual Sports Awards, which will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2026.
- Mr. Stagg will also be coordinating a series of music performances during the week of June 1, 2026. These events will take place after school hours, ensuring that students will not miss any class time. The schedule is as follows:
 - Monday, June 1: Secondary 1
 - Tuesday, June 2: Secondary 2
 - Wednesday, June 3: Secondary 3
 - Thursday, June 4: Secondary 4 and 5

10.4 Parents Committee

Last month's meeting was cancelled.

10.5 CLC

- Here's a link to this month's report: [CLC Report April 2026](#)
- Alternative Path students have done an excellent job helping with cleanup after the snow melted, including picking up branches alongside some staff members.
- In response to a question from Daphne Petersen, branches in the teacher parking lot were removed last Friday, and Alternative Path students assisted with the cleanup. Head office is scheduled to send a company in mid-May to cut additional branches.
- In the coming weeks, Sara will be reaching out to Governing Board members for volunteers to assist with the awards ceremonies.

11.0 Question Period

12.0 Varia

13.0 Adjournment

- Next meeting: May 19, 2026. The meeting will cover several important topics, including the budget, school supplies, and updates to the code of conduct. Your attendance is strongly encouraged.
- The government has introduced additions to the code of conduct, including a cell phone ban. There will also be a focus on ethics and respectful behavior toward adults within the school.
- If there are any staffing changes, the principal will inform members accordingly. In addition, the Ministry has revised how funding is allocated to schools. These measures will now offer greater flexibility, allowing funds to be used for staffing, although specific accountability guidelines have not yet been defined.
- Technology is becoming an increasing concern. Recent workshops have clarified responsibilities around IT purchases. Schools are responsible for replacing teacher laptops, as well as desktops used by administrative staff and in computer labs. It is anticipated that within the next two years, the entire LRHS technology infrastructure will need to be updated, at an estimated cost of \$70,000. As many schools are facing similar challenges, the plan is to begin replacing equipment gradually each year.

- Cindy mentioned a “Superpower Your School” contest that offers up to \$30,000 worth of laptops to winning schools. This could be a valuable opportunity to explore. Best Buy also offers similar initiatives.

GB20260428-12 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved May 19, 2026



Principal



Chairperson

Submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary