



Minutes of the seventh (7th) meeting of the 2025-2026 LRHS Governing Board held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. via Teams.

Present: Chloée Alary, Tara Anderson, Melissa Hadley, Narnia Pacheco, Sylvain Simpson, Parents; Bethany Cere, Elaine Jetté, Laurie Matthews, and Daphne Petersen, Teachers; Sara Ogilvie, Support Staff (CLC Coordinator)

Alternate parents:

Also present were: Nadia Anwar, Ken Gordon, Administrators

Regrets: Cindy Angelini, Michelle Deslauriers, Natalie Szabo (members); Jennifer Turcotte, Ledis Beaudin Valdes, Thalia Thorburn (alternates)

In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1.0 Verification of Quorum

Quorum was established.

2.0 Additions/changes to the agenda

3.0 Approval of Agenda

GB20260519-01 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the agenda be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

4.0 Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2026

GB20260519-02 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the minutes of April 28, 2026 be approved. Seconded by Melissa Hadley.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

5.0 Question Period

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Update on the dress code proposal

- The principal will consult with a member of the Directorate team regarding questions related to the dress code, specifically concerning the possibility of charging families for t-shirts or other clothing items.
- Clarification is needed on this matter in advance of the staff meeting scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2026, which will take place during the pedagogical day.
- Following the discussion with staff and the outcome of this inquiry, she will report back to the Governing Board with the results.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Budget

- A May report was not available for this meeting.
- A review of the overall budget shows that some categories are currently showing deficits. However, it is expected that the budget will be balanced by June 2026. An updated financial overview will be presented at the June 2026 Governing Board meeting.
- 87 students out of 556 have an outstanding school fee balance, representing 16% of the student population. Some of these families are respecting their payment plan. The school is currently updating the collection list to ensure that the records align with those of the collection agency. Families are aware they will be going to collections if their fees are not paid.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Tara Anderson entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

7.2 Initial Budget 2026-2027

- The principal went over the initial budget with members. The initial budget is based on the enrolment as of April 15, 2026. This number is subject to change based on final enrolment numbers.
- The rate for student supervision is based on one hour x \$37.87 x 7 supervisors x 180 days divided by number of students. Most student supervisors at LRHS already are employed in different categories and do the supervision as an extra hour. An up-to-date amount will be presented to governing board in September. (it could go up or down a few dollars based on enrolment)

The calculation of the printing charges still needs to be completed. An updated version will be presented to Governing Board members in June 2026. The document is available here: [Printing Charges - Work Book - 2026-2027](#)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

GB20260519-03 Daphne Petersen MOVED THAT, in accordance with the 2026-2027 Budget Parameters, the governing board of Laurentian Regional High School, adopt the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$200,790.52 and expenditures of \$200,790.52;

AND THAT the budget be submitted to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for final approval. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.3 Rentals

- AAL - 4Korners, in accordance with our agreement, will be using the school premises this summer at no charge.
- Approximately 25 participants and one supervisor: July 2, July 16, and August 6, 2026.
- From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GB20260519-04 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the AAL – 4-Korners activity be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.4 Code of Conduct

The proposed changes are as follows: [Dress Code Changes 2026-2027](#)

- Students are expected to store coats and backpacks in their lockers. In response to a question from Tara Anderson, there are two exceptions to this; students with assistive technology are allowed to have a bag for their laptop for the class they are using it in; and Phys-ed students who prefer to have their hygiene products and clothes to change into, may have them in a bag, but after gym the bag goes back to the locker.
- A visual was created to show the coverage and fit on dress code.
- A new rule about medical notes will be added to the Attendance and Punctuality section of the Code of Conduct. This rule will specify that all students who have a medical note or exemption must also have a clearly shown return date. The complete Code of Conduct is accessible here: [Policies | Laurentian Regional High School](#)
- If more changes arise following the staff meeting on May 29, 2026, this item will be brought back for further consideration. There may also be a minor revision to the ECA rules section.

GB20260519-05 Narnia Pacheco MOVED THAT the 2026-2027 Code of Conduct be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.5 School Supplies

The school supplies list for all grade levels were emailed to members and explained by the principal.

GB20260519-06 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the 2026-2027 School Supplies lists be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

7.6 Calendar Dates 2026-2027

The 2026–2027 school calendar was presented to staff, with proposed dates for in-school pedagogical days and end-of-term dates.

The proposed dates are as follows: [Proposed dates for the School Calendar 2026-2027](#)

This calendar will be presented again to all staff on Friday, May 29, 2026. Should any changes be required following that meeting, Governing Board members will be informed, but the proposed dates are expected to remain unchanged.

The calendar sent to all schools and posted on the website of the School Board is here: [HR2627-ALL SCHOOLS ENG Final R2 \(1\).docx](#)

7.7 ABAV Year-end Report

[2025-2026 LRHS ABAV EN End of Year Report](#)

The vice-principal presented the document on the priorities, actions/initiatives and preventative measures in place.

GB20260519-07 Daphne Petersen MOVED THAT the 2025-2026 LRHS Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence end of year report be approved. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

The plan will be put onto the website tomorrow.

7.8 William Laurin Activity

- Back by popular demand as a library activity during lunchtime, William Laurin will be returning to LRHS on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
- This activity will be funded by the school through the Agir Autrement budget, with an estimated cost of approximately \$250.
- No instructional class time will be missed

GB20260519-08 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the library activity be approved. Seconded by Melissa Hadley.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Dance Show 2027

- The dates for the 2026–2027 dance show, in collaboration with Polyvalente Lavigne, have been tentatively reserved on Thursday, May 6, 2027. Students enrolled in dance classes will attend their regular first-period class and will then participate in rehearsals during periods 2, 3, and 4.
- The performance will take place in the evening. Parents, students, and staff will be required to purchase tickets. Proposed ticket prices are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

GB20260519-09 Sylvain Simpson MOVED THAT the 2026-2027 dance show be approved. Seconded by Tara Anderson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Field Trips

8.1 Europe Trip 2026-2027

- The Fact and Fiction Europe trip dates have been confirmed for the 2026–2027 school year. Students enrolled in the Fact and Fiction class will be away from school from Tuesday, April 21, 2027, to Friday, April 30, 2027.
- The itinerary includes visits to Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.
- The expected group size is between 11 and 25 students, resulting in an approximate supervision ratio of 1:8.
- The estimated total cost of the trip is approximately \$4,700, though this may vary.

GB20260519-10 Melissa Hadley MOVED THAT the 2026-2027 Fact and Fiction Europe Trip be approved. Seconded by Daphne Petersen.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Boston Trip 2026-2027

- Students from Secondary 4 and Secondary 5 will be invited From Wednesday, October 21, 2026, to Saturday, October 24, 2026.
- The cost will vary depending on student participation, with an estimated range of \$1,199 to \$1,289. A maximum of 48 students may participate. Teacher supervision will be maintained at a ratio of 1:8.

GB20260519-11 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the 2026-2027 Boston Trip be approved. Seconded by Elaine Jetté.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 DP Outing 1

- The two DP1 groups will be visiting *La Ferme Champs qui Chantent* on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, as part of the agriculture unit in Geography.
- The group will depart at 8:35 a.m. and return by 11:30 a.m.
- Transportation will be provided by teachers; therefore, carpooling authorization forms will need to be signed. The trip will include 14 students, 2 teachers, and 2 supervisors, resulting in a supervision ratio of 1:4.
- The field trip will be free of charge.

GB20260519-12 Narnia Pacheco MOVED THAT the La Ferme Champs qui Chantent outing be approved. Seconded by Elain Jetté.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 DP Outing 2

- The two DP1 groups will be visiting *Ferme Mystique* on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, as part of the agriculture unit in Geography.
- Students will have the opportunity to learn about the operations of a dairy farm and observe how the farm functions on a daily basis. The group will depart at 12:35 p.m. and return by 3:05 p.m.
- Transportation will be provided by teachers; therefore, carpooling authorization forms will need to be signed. The trip will include 14 students, 2 teachers, and 2 supervisors, resulting in a supervision ratio of 1:4.
- The field trip will be free of charge.

GB20260519-13 Laurie Matthews MOVED THAT the Ferme Mystique outing be approved. Seconded by Melissa Hadley.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Fundraisers

10.0 Reports

10.1 PPO

Will be reported in the CLC section.

10.2 Principal

- The number of students registered for the 2026–2027 school year is currently 597.
- 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 confirmed their return, while confirmation for E2 teachers is still pending. No changes have been made in this regard, and no new teachers were added to LRHS through the recent transfer round.
- It has been confirmed that we will proceed with a revised model of support in French. A meeting was held with the pedagogical consultant on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, to explore possible models, and the discussion was productive. Budgets have now been confirmed for this initiative. The next step is to implement this model through appropriate staffing and by aligning the timetable to meet operational needs.

10.3 Teachers

- It is the beginning of the exam period.
- At Teacher Council, the dates for the 2026–2027 Remembrance Day ceremony were discussed. This year, the ceremony and related rehearsals will take place during the week of November 9, 2026.
- Students in the Fact and Fiction group will rehearse on Monday, November 9, 2026, during periods 2, 3, and 4, and again on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, for the full day. On Wednesday, November 11, 2026, the official presentation will take place, with a performance for Secondary 1 and 2 students in the morning, followed by a presentation for Secondary 3, 4, and 5 students in the afternoon. The public will be welcomed during the afternoon presentation.

10.4 Parents Committee

- PC meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month next year with the exception of June. This meeting will be on the first Thursday.
- 5 PC bursaries will be given to students at the Laurier Gala; one per category.
- 3 PC representatives will attend the lobster gala

10.5 CLC

- Here's a link to this month's report: [May CLC Report 2025-26](#)
- If anyone knows of any grants or companies looking to donate their technological equipment, please tell them to get in touch with Sara.
- Looking for GB representatives to help hand out the LRHS award. Tara Anderson will do Ste-Adele, Sylvain Simpson will do LES. Bethany Cere will do Grenville. Please send Sara an email if you are interested.

11.0 Question Period

12.0 Varia

Information - outing

A group of Secondary 5 students from the Fact & Fiction class will attend a brunch event with Ms. Robin Vero on May 31, following a special invitation from the Federal Liberal Association. The event will recognize the first year in Parliament for the riding of Les Pays-d'en-Haut and provide students with an opportunity to engage in discussion with Member of Parliament Tim Watchorn.

Although the invitation lists a \$75 admission fee, the students and Ms. Vero will attend at no cost through sponsorship arranged directly with the organization. No donation was made to LRHS or the school board. As a result, no Governing Board motion is required, and this information is being shared for information purposes only.

No class time will be missed, participation is voluntary, transportation will be provided by parents, and all students will be supervised by Ms. Vero. Parents of participating students have been contacted.

E-votes – DP Field trips

- DP1 and DP2 students and team (teacher, special education technician, and attendants)
- They will go to downtown Lachute as part of their Geography class.
- 10:30 am to 3:00 pm
- They will be walking so no need for transportation and no cost
- Tuesday June 16, 2026
- 22 students total, 3 teachers and 4 supervisors.

- DP1 and DP2 students and team working with them (teacher, special education technician, and attendants)
- Carillon Canal National Historic Site
- Friday June 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Students will be transported using carpooling
- 22 students total, 3 teachers and 4 supervisors.
- No cost for the field trip

GB20260608 Elaine Jetté MOVED THAT the DP1 And DP2 outings be approved. Seconded by Laurie Matthews.

Carried

13.0 Adjournment

Next meeting will be on June 23.

GB20260519-14 Daphne Petersen MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Sylvain Simpson.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved June 23, 2026



Principal



Chairperson

Submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary