



# Saint-Lambert International

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## Governing Board Meeting

Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Minutes

#### SLI GOVERNING BOARD 2019-2020



Name	Role	Present	Absent
Theresa Aguiar	Chairperson	X	
Jean-René St-Cyr	Principal	X	
Genevieve Croteau	Teacher	X	
Rakhshinda Mirza	Parent	X	
Patricia Pagano	Support Staff	X	
Jorge Pimentel	Parent	X	
Kristen Witczak	Teacher/IB	X	
Louis Zargi	Parent	X	
Steven Chan	Teacher	X	
Cynthia Marval	Student	X	
Léa Graham	Student		X
Patrick Latour	Parent	X	
Harvey Carter	Community Reps	X	
Steve Souaid	Community Reps		X
Ivanka	Parent/alternate		X
Iuliana Lulelaru	Parent/alternate		X

1. **Call to order confirm quorum and acknowledge any substitution**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Theresa Aguiar.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

The agenda was adopted by Harvey Carter and seconded by Louis Zargi

**Unanimous SLI20200406-01**

3. **Adoption of Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 GB Meeting**

The minutes proposed by Harvey Carter and seconded by Louis Zargi

**Unanimous SLI20200406-02**

4. **Public Question Period:** None

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Business Arising:**





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i) Document under consultation: Policy on Evaluation of Student Learning.

We understand communication is important, especially the need to communicate when we feel a child might be at risk. Communication can take different forms to make sure we reach out to provide support. Having a number target may reduce the importance of quality and teachers may go through the motions to achieve compliance without quality.

Our feedback covers both the policy under normal circumstances as well needs to factor tele-schooling.

1. Normal Circumstances: The expected targets would be difficult to maintain as a teacher. Putting a number makes it difficult for teachers and not sure of effectiveness.
2. Tele-schooling: In a distance education we feel the suggested target will be appropriate as most likely there will be more communication that under normal circumstances.

Elementary school and high school have different realities (i.e. number of teachers, and ratios of students to teachers).

3. **New Business:**

4. **Reopening of schools.**

-OUTREACH: Starting next week students will be getting a phone call. Objective of the call is to see how they are doing. It is to have an open communication and also ask if they have the required resources to learn at a distance (computers, access to internet). We will gather the information to help us build the online program.

-MANDATORY SESSIONS: Ministry indicates all school have to be available to all students May 19<sup>th</sup>. Every student will be getting a kit. There will be zoom sessions. The school will get the educational kits on a Tuesday, then kits are sent to the teacher to explore and teachers will be adding zoom session or any type of learning activities. Teacher will have until Friday noon to add their part. On Monday morning, students and parents will be getting an email with zoom session, activities proposed by the teacher and the kit. There will be a schedule for certain departments. Basically, we are offering session presented to students for all students and they must be part of the zoom meetings. We are currently getting organized to get us there.



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- To date, it was not mandatory, but after May 19<sup>th</sup> it will be mandatory.
- JR to send out an email to provide parents a heads up.
- JR going through call lists (who is calling who).

## OTHER ITEMS:

- Not sure if the work is being evaluated.
- What is the responsibility to collect the work being produced.
- Content of lockers will be bagged, labelled for pick-up.
- We need clarity on the required work to be done by kids?
- Minister indicated no more additional learnings.
- How much is the last term worth for evaluation? and probably different per class.
- Concerned about September (fresh start or ctah up, hybrid year?)
- Although require to take attendance, schools do not have systems in place to manage attendance
- Any support staff may be called to help out elementary schools.
- Expection to teach up to June 23.
- Evaluation: Are we looking at a % or a Pass or Fail. Will it be professional judgement.
- What are the next steps? We are waiting for answers. This is a huge impact for sec 4 and 5s.
- If we can message those who are making decisions that we need answers.
- Parents need clear communication ot help in their children's learning.
- explore some flexibility as to when to join meetings such as webinars vs zoom (as attendance is recorded) based on children having different personal situations and constraints.
- We may need more IT support.
- Zoom sessions are to reflect on the work of the week...not new teaching, but go over what was presented during the week.
- Classes to have ZOOM sessions: English, Math, English, Math, Science, and History.
- Other classes might be connecting with work via email.

## 5. Calendar of events

- everything is on pause.

## 6. MEES expectations/events/reporting/Graduation

- trip to Europe is cancelled (Portugal and Spain). They will be reimbursed (government indication is for reimbursement)
- Graduation will not happen ( we will find a way to celebrate, not sure for the moment)



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## 7. **Budget/Mesures**

We have money that was going to be used for cultural events. We do not have guidelines. Not sure if they will transfer the money. All the additional costs need to be covered somehow, so it may come from mesures money.

We have more questions than answers in regards to budgets.

All rentals are cancelled.

RTL money will be planned to come out in May.

## 8. **2020-21 School year**

Numbers look pretty good.

Not sure of impact of international students (will they come back)

It is not clear if their will be catch up and review. This is not clear.

## 9. **F) Reach**

Will be coming for a period of time. They will need 5 classes. Looking at section E, A wall will be installed with a door lock system. Students will be dropped off behind school (near woodshop). Still uncertainty on woodworking and robotics area.

## 10. **Reports**

### 1. **Chairperson**

Happy its an actual board meeting. Pleased of attendance. There have been a lot of council meetings. Safety is the key message. They want learning to continue. Complementary service have put out a webinar how to balance life at home.

### 2. **Students**

Students are agitated, some are a little depressed, unnaturally bored. Anxious with school work, although optional they are worried about grades. Hard for a student to balance worries.

### 3. **Teachers**

We've been trying our best, being proactive, and how we address may 19<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for guidance for evaluations. Some committees are meeting and plan for next year and implementation of IB program.

### 4. **Support Staff**

We're there to support teacher and at risk students. We reached out to students that were flagged by other students as being at risk.



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## 5. Parent Committee representatives

- EPCA posted something in haste vs QSPA statement....made it look mis-aligned. All aligned towards kids and teachers safety and learning.
- virtual board meetings approved based on parent committee

## 6. PPO

n/a

## 7. Alumni

We postponed reunion to next year (some participants donated deposits, other indicated to keep it for the Fall.  
We are budgeting to provide bursaries for grad.

## 8. IB/Service in action

We were stuck between ministry and IB. We need to assess personal project to be issued an IB certificate. We got a clear answer on April 20, and only way we could meet the requirement is to email parents for students to participate on a voluntary basis. We got 50% still in pursuit of IB certificate. It is due next Monday. We've been holding zoom meetings to help this move forward. We have an extension to early June.

## 9. Principal

I've said lots tonight. We covered lots tonight. It is very stressful. You lose control of you daily routine. I'm very pleased the team has worked together. We are working together and finding solutions and we are moving forward. We are trying to be responsive to parents concerns.

## 10. Public Question period

No public

## 11. Varia:

None

## 12. Adjournment

Adjournment at 9:30 pm proposed by Louis and adopted by Theresa Aguiar

**Unanimous SLI2020-04-06**

1. **Adjournment: next meeting is Thursday June 11th @ 7pm via ZOOM**