



Souvenir Elementary School  
École primaire Souvenir

## Souvenir Elementary School Governing Board Minutes Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom

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**Present:** Krikor Bijian, Jill Davey, Peter Ferentinos, Alannah Ferreira Morris, George Foutrakis, Darren Lisak, Olivia Mancini, Athanasia Panagopoulos, Susan Reinblatt, Cheryl Smith, Maysa Samara, Christos Strifas

**Regrets:** Gary Ersan, Helen Morrison

**Guests:**

**Principal:** Helen Kalipolidis

**Secretary :** Cheryl Smith

**Vice-Principal:** Aline Khozozian

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm

**1.0 Verification of Quorum** – Krikor Bijian confirmed the quorum.

### **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

*GB-11/6/20-01: Chris Strifas moved and Darren Lisak seconded the motion to approve the agenda  
Unanimous Motion passed.*

### **3.0 Approval of minutes (February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

*GB-11/6/20-02: Darren Lisak moved and Olivia Mancini seconded to approve the minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as well as the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 e-vote results approving the minutes.  
10 in favour – 2 abstentions Motion passed.*

### **4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 4.1 **PlayPark** – Mrs. Kalipolidis informed members that Souvenir Elementary’s playground project was passed during the SWL Executive Committee meeting held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Our DG, Mme Absolonne, has already approved the purchase order and Material Resources will soon coordinate the start of the project with the supplier: Pavages et Terrassements St-Bruno Inc.



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## 5.0 Correspondence

Krikor Bijian shared a letter that he wrote to the SWLSB requesting permission for a Zoom account for our Souvenir Governing Board and the response that he received stating that the Board does not permit non-staff to hold an SWLSB Zoom account. The letter encouraged use of the SWL Zoom account through the principal.

## 6.0 Question Period for the Public (Discussion)

There was no questions from the public.

## 7.0 Reports

### 7.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Kalipolidis reported that:

- Ecosystems has begun the energy saving project
- Supervision fee reimbursement update was completed. An average refund of \$91.12 will be reimbursed to parents of students at Souvenir.
- The ABAV final report of the year was prepared. Mrs. Khozozian presented the ABAV final report and our plans to deal with our students' overall wellbeing next year.
- Workbook prices for 2020-2021 came in. Prices for the Grade 1 Printing Book, Grade 2 Printing Power & the Grade 3 Cursive Handwriting increased in price from last year. Last year's pricing was at \$13.78 compared to this year: \$17.09 (before tax). The supplier is "The Learning House". This exceeded the 10% increase agreed upon during the last meeting and now needs to be reconsidered.

*GB-11/6/20-03- Athanasia Panagopoulos moved and Jill Davey seconded the proposed school supply lists be accepted with the pricing changes.*

*Unanimous*

*Motion passed.*

- Many staff members have been updating their technological skills by participating in training workshops.
- Souvenir mobilized & was ready to receive students when the Ministry announced a decree on June 1<sup>st</sup> which had schools in the Greater Montreal Area offering classes to vulnerable students beginning on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Out of the 74 selected students contacted, 10 were to return to school. The Minister revoked the decree on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and schools did not reopen.
- Camp Academie met with the administration to organize this year's parameters.
- Since Les Jeux du Quebec will not take place this summer, Chroma Muzika Voice Camp has officially returned to LJA.
- Souvenir Elementary staff will be hosting an outdoor physically distanced Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony on June 18<sup>th</sup> (rain date: June 19<sup>th</sup>) from 7 to 9:30pm at LSA. Financial support for the event is coming from our Home & School Association & the Grad Committee.



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Cheryl Smith left the meeting at 7:42pm. Athanasia Panagopoulos took over as secretary.

- Mrs. Kalipolidis concluded by reviewing a PowerPoint on Bill 40. The PowerPoint is posted on the SWLSB website in the "news" section of the homepage and will also be added to the elections page.

Krikor Bijian mentioned that the webinar on the topic of Bill 40 will become available soon and dubbed in English.

Christos Strifas asked how many students Souvenir is slated to have next year. Mrs. Kalipolidis answered: 477.

Christos Strifas asked if measures will be put into place for smaller classes due to Covid. Mrs. Kalipolidis replied that at this time, no changes are expected.

Christos Strifas asked about water testing (it had stopped during Covid). Mrs. Kalipolidis replied that follow-ups and repairs will continue as they were intended.

Darren Lisak asked about acclimatizing children in September re: anxiety. Mrs. Kalipolidis confirmed that a warm environment will welcome students when they return and initiatives are in the works.

7.2 Daycare – nothing to report

7.3 Home & School

George Foutrakis reported on behalf of Gary Ersan.

- Exec. Committee elections are postponed until Sept. 2020.
- Home & School purchased \$320 of sanitizing products (funded by a previous dress-down day decided before Covid).
- Grad committee will be using the allotted meal money toward an end-of-year graduation event instead. September's corn roast and movie night have been canceled for fall 2020.

7.4 Parent Delegate Committee

Christos Strifas reported the points spoken about at the last committee meeting:

- Reported on details of Bill 40
- Parents were informed on how to join the new board of directors
- VP elections
- Cycles 1-2-3 student will receive a Pass/Fail/NE for term 3 report cards and then Pass/Fail for final mark.
- Sec 4 and 5 will receive a number grade.
- PreK and K will be evaluated using letter grades as usual.
- Next meeting is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



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- Darren Lisak replaced Christos Strifas at one meeting this year.

7.5 Teacher Council – no report

7.6 Community Rep – Krikor Bijian spoke on behalf of Helen Morrison: The Covid situation as per the organization she is working for is improving. She could not be present at this evening's meeting.

## 8.0 New Business

8.1 Ratification of e-votes

- Grad Trip to Quebec City

*GB-11/6/20-04: Krikor Bijian moved and Jill Davey seconded that the proposed trip to Quebec City be cancelled.*

*Unanimous*

*Motion Passed*

- Allocation of Unused Money

*GB-11/6/20-05: Alannah Ferreira Morris moves and Darren Lisak seconded that the unused monies be allocated towards supplies needed by the office of Souvenir Elementary as per their discretion.*

*Unanimous*

*Motion Passed*

## 9.0 Field Trips, Fund-raisers, After-School Activities

### 10.0 Rentals

### 11.0 Varia

12.0 Next Meeting: September 2020 – Date to be announced

## 13.0 Adjournment (Resolution)

*GB-11/6/20-05: Darren Lisak moves and Alannah Ferreira Morris seconded the adjournment of the meeting.*  
*Unanimous* *Motion Passed*

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H. Kalipolidis  
Principal

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K. Bijian  
Chairperson

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C. Smith/A. Panagopoulos  
Secretary