



Souvenir Elementary School
École primaire Souvenir

SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2018-2019 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT



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Governing Board 2018-2019

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STAFF MEMBERS

Teachers: Jennifer Bell-Pierre
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Community Representative:
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OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Principals: Eric Ruggi
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Vice-Principal: Michela Cortese

Our School

Souvenir Elementary School was originally founded as a high school for the St-Martin School Board in 1963. In 1965, it became an elementary school for the Chomedey community. Through the years, Souvenir has maintained a thriving, multicultural population. Souvenir has a long tradition as a meaningful and challenging learning experience in a warm and positive environment. It is committed to providing an environment that promotes student self-worth in which the unique social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of elementary school learners are addressed. Combined with home and community, the environment gives students the opportunity to develop their potential. Souvenir's mission is to foster the development of lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Programs

The philosophy of Souvenir Elementary School is that all children can be successful. It is also our belief that when parent, child, and staff communicate in a positive way on a regular basis, the child will succeed.

Souvenir is a bilingual school. The Kindergarten program is taught 20% in English and 80% in French. Cycles 1, 2 are taught 53% in English and 47% in French. Cycle 3 is 60% in English and 40% in French.

Field trips

Several field trips were approved throughout the school year. Most were ratified at regular meetings while some were approved using electronic voting via email. These include Intermiel, various sports tournaments, Remembrance Day, We Day in Ottawa, leadership training at Arundel, Maison des Arts de Laval and Cosmodome.

Academics

Subject-time allocation were reviewed and 2019-2022 Educational Project was approved in order to ensure that strategies are in place to either maintain or improve current success rates. Although the status quo was maintained, Cycle 3 students will be split based on their French language abilities thereby providing French streaming. The government mandated Sexuality Education Program was approved and implemented school wide.

New STEM Program

Students have been introduced to the Google Suite, coding through Micro Bits and Scratch, and the following curriculum based STEM lessons:

- Renewable energy
- Non-renewable energy
- Transformation of energy
- Electricity and circuits
- Designing electrical circuits to solve engineering problems (the doorbell activity)

- Transmission of heat (Micro Bit activity coding a thermometer and coding a stopwatch)

Financial Matters

Governing board approved the use of various measures from the MEES, participated in the school board's budget consultation process and completed recommendations for budget priorities. It reviewed and approved the list of items to be charged to parents (workbooks and other fees), maintained a balanced budget of its own and ratified the 2019-2020 school budget.

Building Improvements

Schoolyard improvements consisting of an "Obstacle Course" playground area to replace the one that was removed 3 years ago was approved. Major renovations are taking place over the summer on the 1st floor (bottom floor) to accommodate three pre-K & four Kindergarten classes. Individual bathrooms are being added in each Pre-K & K class and smaller lockers and furniture are being supplied.

School activities

Governing board approved the school calendar for 2019-2020, including the timing of parent-teacher meetings, pedagogical days and new start/end times. The governing board was supportive of many activities throughout the school year. These include Field Trips, AGAPE Christmas Basket Drive, Raise Craze,

Ronald McDonald House, Bake sales, Laura Secord Chocolate fundraiser, Skating Rink, Family Fun Fest and parent workshops on homework strategies and anxiety.

Full-time 4-year-old Pre-K

Governing board welcomed the Quebec government's initiative to launch 3 full-time 4-year-old pre-Kindergarten classes for Sept 2019.

Daycare

Our daycare was selected to receive a grant from the MEES to provide before and after school snacks to our students. The \$19,000 grant was used to provide nutritious snacks to students with the help of the staff at SOUP-ER LUNCH.

An extra special thank you to the school administration, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents who contributed to making 2018-2019 a successful year for the Souvenir Elementary School Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Krikor Bijian
Governing Board Chairperson