

Governing Board Minutes
 Souvenir Elementary School
 Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 – 7:00 PM
 Staffroom

Members: Cynthia Abraham, Jimmy Abraham, Jennifer Bell-Pierre, Krikor Bijian, Sylvia Christou, Maria Daklaras, Effie Kontakos, Peter Koutroumanis, Elisa Mucciardi, Susan Reinblatt, Eugene Sakellaropoulos, Cheryl Smith-Debanne, Dee Dee Steinberg

Absent: Cynthia Abraham, Peter Koutroumanis, Cheryl Smith-Debanne

Principal: Eric Ruggi **Secretary:** Elisa Mucciardi

0.0 Verification of Quorum

1.0 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Motion #190417-01

Motion to approve the agenda for the April 19th, 2017 meeting.

Motioned by: D. Steinberg	Seconded by: E. Mucciardi	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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2.0 Approval of minutes of March 22nd, 2017 meeting (resolution)

Motion #190417-02

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 22nd, 2017 Governing Board meeting (with corrections).

Motioned by: J. Bell-Pierre	Seconded by: S. Reinblatt	Carried: 7	Abstentions: 2
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3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (information)

3.1 November 16th Parent-Teacher Interviews

- a) Parent-Teacher interviews are confirmed for November 16th, 2017 as there is no conflict with the Laval high school

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Bus Safety (Grade 5)

- a) Awaiting on City of Laval for confirmation of bus safety presentation for Grade 5 students
- b) Mr. Ruggi is looking into a possible bicycle activity open to all grades. More information to come.

4.2 SWLSB Lobster Gala

- a) Tabled to next meeting

4.3 SEAC Free Workshops

- a) April 25th from 6:30PM to 9:15PM at Laval Senior Academy
- b) Workshops for parents and staff
- c) Topics include mental health, learning disabilities, high school transition, etc.

4.4 Parents Committee Workshop

- a) Smartphones, Sexting, Social Media: Practical Strategies for Parents
- b) By Dr. Alissa Sklar
- c) May 4th at Joliette HS, Laurentian Regional HS, and Ste-Agathe Academy

5.0 Question Period for the Public

N/A

6.0 Reports (information)

6.1 Principal

- a) Participated in the Board of Directors meeting for Sports Laval on March 24
- b) Meeting with the Legion on March 27 regarding setting up a tribute to Sgt. Chris Karianni
- c) Teacher staffing meeting with Human Resources on March 28
- d) On March 29, I participated in a professional development workshop on high level teaching practices in English language Arts and social studies
- e) Meeting with the director general on March 30
- f) March 31 was a ped day. Staff meeting with teachers.
- g) On April 6 & 7, participated in a 2-day professional development session on mentoring and coaching teachers
- h) On April 10, I participated in the selection committee for the director of schools position
- i) On April 11, we hosted Annakin Slayd for the Jackie Robinson presentation. I participated in a principals meeting with other Laval principals to discuss the declining enrolment in our Laval schools. We also had a successful lockdown practice on the same day.
- j) On April 12, we had Autism Awareness presentations for all students.
- k) On April 13, I participated in a management and principals meeting. Dress down day for autism.
- l) On April 18, I had a meeting with the executive of my association.
- m) On April 19, I had a meeting of the professional relations committee between my association and the school board. I participated in the monthly governing board meeting.

Upcoming

- n) Tell Them From Me survey from April 25-27.
- o) Jump Rope for Heart assemblies on April 26.
- p) Board of directors meeting for Sports Laval on April 28.
- q) Kindergarten orientation on May 8
- r) ADHD workshop for teachers on May 8 (ped day)

6.2 Home & School

a)

Motion #190417-03

Motion to approve the Red Cross Babysitting course (offered by Enfant et Compagnie).

Motioned by: E. Kontakos	Seconded by: J. Bell-Pierre	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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Motion #190417-04

Motion to have Fun Fest on Wednesday, June 14th during school hours, with alternate date as June 15th (in case of rain).

Motioned by: E. Kontakos	Seconded by: E. Sakellaropoulos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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Graduation Committee Report

a)

6.3 Before & After School Program

a) Daycare is running smoothly. Nothing to report.

6.4 Parents Committee

- a) The History Curriculum Statement written by the QFHSA , QAHN and EPCA has been endorsed by the Parent Committee at the School Board.
- b) Enrollment in SWL schools was an important issue discussed. The School Board will begin a retention campaign (marketing) to promote enrollment. Facebook and traditional media will be used.
- c) There was a marketing presentation and strategies were shared at the meeting. "Word of mouth" is often the best marketing tool. Suggestions made for parents and schools to share positive things, their success stories, and events happening at the school to promote the schools and help increase enrollment.
- d) Learn Quebec has updated their website – learnquebec.ca. Their goal is to raise awareness and have resources used. It is an on-line tutoring service available for free to students in 30 min sessions given by teachers. Hours are from Monday to Thursday 6-8:30 pm.
- e) The Parent Committee completed the Budget Building Process Survey
- f) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th at 7pm.

6.5 Teacher Council

- a) Teachers are pleased to hear that Fun Fest will be held during school hours, thus allowing all students and staff to attend
- b) Teachers suggested that the annual Corn Roast be held at the beginning of the school year (as usual) while inviting parents and community to join
- c) Earth Rangers: Cycle 1 and 2 activity on May 17th. Variety of live animals will be brought to school to teach children about nature and the environment

6.6 Community Representatives

- a) S. Christou attended Indigenous People’s presentation
- b) Current curriculum does not accurately reflect the truth about Aboriginal history in Canada
- c) S. Christou has strongly suggested having an Aboriginal Day in June, or at least next school year if June is too short notice
- d) It is imperative that the curriculum be modified to include the facts about Aboriginal History in Canada

7.0 New Business

7.1 Student Agenda 2017-2018 (Student Code of Conduct & Info)

- a) Tabled to next meeting

8.0 Fieldtrips and Fundraisers (resolution)

8.1 Domaine Vert – Cycle 1 (May 19th)

- a) Supervision ratio is 1:10
- b) Cost: \$17.75 (if H&S is willing to pay the \$9 transportation fee)

Motion #190417-05

Motion to approve the Domaine Vert fieldtrip for Cycle 1 students on May 17th.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: D. Steinberg	Carried: 4 for/1 against	Abstentions: 0
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9.0 Rentals (resolution)

N/A

10.0 Varia (information)

N/A

11.0 Next Meeting (information)

Wednesday, May 17th, 2017

12.0 Adjournment (resolution)

Motion #190417-06

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.

Motioned by: K. Bijian	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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