

Governing Board Minutes
Souvenir Elementary School
Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Staffroom

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

Absent: Jimmy Abraham, Nekee Doshi, Susan Reinblatt, Cheryl Smith-Debanne

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

0.0 Verification of Quorum

1.0 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Motion #141216-01

Motion to approve the agenda for December 14th.

Motioned by: J. Bell-Pierre	Seconded by: M. Daklaras	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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2.0 Approval of minutes of October 19th, 2016 meeting (resolution)

Motion #141216-02

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 23rd Governing Board meeting.

Motioned by: D. Steinberg	Seconded by: J. Bell-Pierre	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (information)

N/A

4.0 Correspondence (information)

N/A

5.0 Question Period for the Public (discussion)

N/A

6.0 Reports (information)

6.1 Principal

- a) Teachers attended the annual QPAT conference in Montreal on November 24 & 25
- b) Pedagogical day on November 25
- c) Attended a full day principals meeting on November 30
- d) Received a school visit from Mrs. Aline Dib, city councilor for the Ville de Laval on December 1
- e) Mad Science presentations from December 1 to 8

- f) On December 6, met with the director general, the director of finance, Effie Kontakos & Silvia Christou regarding the Souvenir Before & After School Program
- g) Teacher Council meeting on December 14

6.2 Home & School

- a) Family Fun Fest committee must be formed in January 2017
- b) Next H&S meeting: Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00PM

Graduation Committee Report

- a) Successful bagging at Mourelatos on December 3rd and 4th (raised \$1997.00)
- b) Next Graduation Committee meeting: Monday, January 16th at 7:00PM

6.3 Before & After School Program

- a) Daycare staff has been advised that S. Christou will no longer be running the daycare program at Souvenir.
- b) MELS daycare will be implemented upon her departure

6.4 Parents Committee

N/A

6.5 Teacher Council

- a) Breakfast with Santa for K, Grades 1 and 2 (School budget will pay for the breakfast and Home and School will supply the pictures with Santa)
- b) Snowman-making activity for K
- c) Grades 3-6 will receive milk and cookies
- d) TC voted on Subject-Time Allocation for 2017-2018: Status quo for next year
- e) ECA
Yearbook:
Teachers involved: Ana Pedroso, Linda Gagné, Jennifer Bell-Pierre, Polly Varadi
Participants: grade 6 students - maximum 30
- f) Science Fair
Jennifer Sanscartier is organizing this activity during the lunch hour (2 times/week). This is on a voluntary basis for the students in grades 3-6. There will be 6-8 lunch sessions and 1 evening for the parents. Participants will miss one day of class to present.

6.6 Community Representatives

N/A

7.0 New Business

7.1 Daycare 2017-2018

- a) Meeting was held with Director General to discuss current daycare program
- b) End result of the meeting: S. Christou (Garderie Éducative Chomedey) will no longer run the Daycare program in order to pursue other interests

- c) School Board has suggested the implementation of a MELS Daycare
- d) S. Christou will ensure that the transition to a government daycare is as smooth as possible (routines, procedures, etc.)
- e) DG will visit the current daycare staff in January 2017 to offer positions to current employees possessing the adequate qualifications

Motion #141216-03

Motion to accept the departure of Garderie Éducative Chomedey from Souvenir Elementary, as of June 30th, 2017.

Motioned by: K. Bijian	Seconded by: P. Koutroumanis	Carried: 7 in favor	Abstentions: 1
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Motion #141216-04

Motion to accept the implementation of a government subsidized daycare beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Motioned by: K. Bijian	Seconded by: M. Daklaras	Carried: 7 in favor	Abstentions: 1
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7.2 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan

- a) Same as last year's, with updates made to the results and data sections to include last year's results

Motion #231116-05

Motion to approve the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: D. STEinberg	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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7.3 Subject-Time Allocation 2017-2018

- a) Mr. Ruggi proposed status quo for 2017-2018
- b) Certain teachers have expressed that they feel **Kindergarten** should be 50% French, 50% English as opposed to the current 80% French, 20% English model
- c) Cycle 1 English teachers feel students literacy skills have decreased and need more exposure to English literacy in Kindergarten
- d) Proposal to create a French Junior Kindergarten (4 year olds) could help promote early literacy in preparation for Kindergarten, while offering students more exposure to the French language
- e) However, decreased French in Kindergarten could lead to decreased enrollment, services, and funding
- f) Proposal to create advertising (social media, newspaper, etc.) to promote our school
- g) Teacher Council has not yet voted on the issue (vote will take place on December 19th)
- h) GB will reconvene on Monday, December 19th to vote on Subject-Time Allocation once teachers have had the opportunity to vote

8.0 Fieldtrips and Fundraisers (resolution)

8.1 Parc du Domaine Vert – May 12, 2017 (Grade 3-4)

- a) Tabled to next meeting

8.2 Mini-Basketball Tournament – January 20, 2017 (Grade 4)

- a) Organized by S. Antonacci
- b) 5 on 5 (girls and boys teams)
- c) Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis (pending teachers' approval)

Motion #141216-06

Motion to approve the Mini-Basketball Tournament.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: 7 in favor	Abstentions: 1
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9.0 Rentals (resolution)

9.1 Basketball League - Demo Nikas

- a) 1-2 nights/week
- b) Details to come

9.2 Hip-Hop Dance Class

- a) 12 week program
- b) 10% of cost goes to gym rental
- c) Level 1: K-3 at 2:40PM
- d) Level 2: 4-6 at 3:45PM
- e) Level 3: 8 yrs+ (with at least 2 years of dance experience) at 4:50PM
- f) Cost: \$130

Motion #141216-07

Motion to approve Hip-Hop dance class.

Motioned by: E. Kontakos	Seconded by: K. Bijian	Carried: 7 in favor	Abstentions: 1
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10.0 Varia (information)

N/A

11.0 Next Meeting (information)

- a) December 19th, 2016 at 5:30PM
- b) January 25th, 2017 at 7:00PM

12.0 Adjournment (resolution)

Motion #141216-08

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM.

Motioned by: E. Kontakos	Seconded by: J. Bell-Pierre	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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