

**Governing Board Minutes**  
 Souvenir Elementary School  
 Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jimmy Abraham, Jennifer Bell-Pierre, Sylvia Christou

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

0.0 Verification of Quorum

1.0 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Motion #150217-01

Motion to approve the agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

Motioned by: C. Smith-Debanne	Seconded by: M. Daklaras	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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2.0 Approval of minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting (resolution)

Motion #150217-02

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Governing Board meeting.

Motioned by: P.Koutroumanis	Seconded by: M. Daklaras	Carried: 5	Abstentions: 3
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3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (information)

3.1 Building Renovations

- a) Mr. Ruggi has attended meetings with building engineers and project managers to discuss future renovations
- b) 1.5 million dollar estimation (significantly over budget)
- c) Discussions to prioritize various renovation projects within the school
- d) Priorities include mechanical work, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations (ceiling, walls, lighting, bathrooms, etc.) gymnasium windows, and daycare area
- e) Secondary priorities include replacing the heating system in each individual classroom
- f) Grants to repave the school yard and install an elevator have been allocated

4.0 Resignation of Parent Member/Replacement

- a) Cynthia Abraham has accepted to replace Nekee Doshi as a Governing Board parent member for the remainder of Nekee Doshi's term

Motion #150217-03

Motion to approve Cynthia Abraham as the new Governing Board parent member for the remainder of Nekee Doshi's term.

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

N/A

6.0 Question Period for the Public

- a) Snow removal in front of the school; parents feel it is unsafe for students and parents who walk to school
- b) Mr. Ruggi will raise this concern with Material Resources

7.0 Reports (information)

7.1 Principal

- a) January 26, students in grade 6 had a presentation from the vice-principal and a teacher from Laval Junior Academy to explain the course selection and registration process
- b) January 23 to February 17, extra caretaking staff to disinfect common areas around the school due to a high incidence of absenteeism due to strep and sickness. The students from the Souvenir hockey teams had their first two practices on January 26 and Feb. 2
- c) January 30 to February 10, bus safety week. Various in-class activities promoting bus safety
- d) January 31, the director general, the assistant director of Human Resources and I met with the daycare staff to explain the transition process for those who may be interested in working at our new daycare
- e) February 1, 20 students from grades 5 & 6 accompanied by Mr. Antonacci represented Souvenir ES at a regional basketball tournament. Also, the lunch switchover for the second half of the year began on this day
- f) February 3, end of term 2. Outdoor skating began for all students
- g) February 4, students participated in the third of 3 consecutive Saturday basketball tournaments along with other students from our board
- h) February 6, the Souvenir A hockey team participated in its first ever tournament, the gladiators Hockey Festival in Rosemere. The team won 3 games out of 5
- i) From February 6 to 10, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week thanks to all of the goodies provided by the Home & School Association. Thank you
- j) February 6, 7 and 8. Leadership students' bake sale. Raised \$1100.00

- k) February 7, I participated in a consultation group with the comité d'appui à la réflexion patronale du Comité national relatif à la tâche enseignante. Essentially, a working group providing advice to the provincial negotiating committee for the next teachers' collective agreement. Also, student banking deposits collected on this day
- l) February 10, I participated in a meeting with the conseil d'administration of Sports Laval as the school board's representative
- m) February 13, the Souvenir B team participated in the Gladiators hockey festival in Rosemere and finished third out of 7 teams, winning 4 games out of 6. Also, registration for new students began on this day. Almost 30 registrations done in one day.
- n) February 14 Valentine's Day, our students participated in a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. The school and students were featured in two news reports on Global and CITY TV. Also, registration for the new summer camp at Souvenir is now available online.
- o) February 15, \$1000 grant awarded to our school to promote winter activities and purchase equipment for students

## 7.2 Home & School

- a) Bake sale on each night for the Parent Teacher Nights on February 22nd and February 23rd, 2017
- b) Meeting on February 8th was cancelled due to the poor weather conditions
- c) Currently researching the possibility of organizing an outdoor movie night in the spring
- d) On Parent Teacher Night, H&S will promote the Family Fun Fest in June and try to recruit volunteers
- e) Fun Fest meeting to create a committee will be scheduled soon
- f) The next meetings are scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm.

## **Graduation Committee Report**

- a) Picture day for graduating students (with cap and gown) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th
- b) Another bagging at Mourelatos is being organized for the weekend of April 8th and 9<sup>th</sup>
- c) The next Graduation meeting is on Monday, March 20th at 7pm
- d) The Graduation Ceremony is on Tuesday, June 20th at Chateau Royale. The ceremony will be from 5-6 pm.

## 7.3 Before & After School Program

N/A

7.4 Parents Committee

- a) QFHSA , QAHN, and EPCA are working on a statement regarding the History curriculum. In Secondary 4. The goal is to develop a new inclusive History curriculum with new textbooks and pedagogical resources for teachers.
- b) The Parent Committee has provided GB with a draft of the statement for discussion.
- c) The QFHSA held a Fall Conference last November on Quebec's Secondary 3 & 4 History Curriculum. A video of that has been posted on the QFHSA website for those interested in learning more on the subject. The keynote speaker was Nakuset and the panel of educators consisted of Simon Jacobs, Dorothy Williams, Robert Green and Kevin Deer who all shared their perspectives. Here is the link. <https://vimeo.com/194416317>
- d) The Parent Committee would like Governing Board to discuss its top 3 priorities as a committee
- e) Next meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 7pm.

**Recap of Governing Board’s Discussion (February 15<sup>th</sup>) in Response to PC**

- a) GB top 3 priorities:
  - 1. To ensure the school’s mission is fully supported
  - 2. To represent the school community in an effective manner
  - 3. To support decision making process within the school

Motion #150217-04

Motion to endorse the consultation draft of Quebec’s Secondary 3 & 4 History Curriculum proposed by the QFHSA , QAHN, and EPCA.

Motioned by: P. Koutroumanis	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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7.5 Teacher Council

- a) Nothing to report

7.6 Community Representatives

N/A

8.0 New Business

8.1 School Calendar 2017-2018

- a) Calendar was examined and discussed
- b) Teachers will meet to determine 5 floating pedagogical days (2 fixed), end of term dates, and parent-teacher nights

8.2 School Clothing Supplier

- a) A discussion took place between Mrs. Bravo and staff members discussing the idea of introducing official Souvenir Elementary clothing with school logo
- b) Triangulum would like to be the official supplier of Souvenir Elementary apparel

- c) It is not mandatory for parents to purchase official Souvenir clothing

Motion #150217-05

Motion to approve Triangulum as the official school clothing supplier at Souvenir Elementary.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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9.0 Fieldtrips and Fundraisers (resolution)

9.1 Black History Month Presentation

- a) Former Souvenir student, Annakin Slayd (musician, songwriter, actor), is currently visiting various Montreal schools teaching students about Jackie Robinson, black history, and racism
- b) Proposal to invite Annakin Slayd to present for students at Souvenir Elementary

Motion #150217-06

Motion to approve Annakin Slayd’s Black History Month presentation at Souvenir Elementary.

Motioned by: D. Steinberg	Seconded by: S. Reinblatt	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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9.2 Skating & Hockey

- a) Grade 4-6 students
- b) Chomedey Arena (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017)
- c) Half-day fieldtrip (8:15-12:35)
- d) Free-skate for all students, followed by Souvenir’s hockey team playing against a rival team
- e) Transportation paid by Healthy & Active School grant

Motion #150217-07

Motion to approve the hockey and skating fieldtrip for grade 4-6 students.

Motioned by: P. Koutroumanis	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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9.3 Hockey Practice

- a) Hockey practice at Chomedey Arena on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion #150217-08

Motion to approve the hockey practice on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motioned by: C. Smith-Debanne	Seconded by: S. Reinblatt	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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9.4 Souvenir Grand Prix

- a) Souvenir Grand Prix (electric car racing) will take place the week of February 27<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium at lunchtime

10.0 Rentals (resolution)

N/A

11.0 Varia (information)

N/A

12.0 Next Meeting (information)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

13.0 Adjournment (resolution)

Motion #150217-09

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: D. Steinberg	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
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