

Governing Board Minutes
 Souvenir Elementary School
 Wednesday, October 19th, 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: Sylvia Christou, Nekee Doshi

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

0.0 Verification of Quorum

1.0 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Motion #191016-01

Motion to approve the agenda for October 19th.

Motioned by: C. Smith-Debanne	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
-------------------------------	--------------------------	----------------------	----------------

2.0 Internal Rules and Procedures (information)

Motion #191016-02

Motion to approve the Internal Rules and Procedures.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: J. Bell-Pierre	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
--------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------	----------------

3.0 Approval of minutes of September 21st, 2016 meeting (resolution)

Motion #191016-03

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st Governing Board meeting (with corrections).

Motioned by: K. Bijian	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: 10 for/0 against	Abstentions: 1
------------------------	--------------------------	------------------------------	----------------

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes (information)

4.1 E-Vote: Le Saint-Martin Hotel

- a) Unanimous e-vote on correction of rental in the September 21st minutes.

5.0 Correspondence (information)

N/A

6.0 Question Period for the Public (discussion)

N/A

7.0 Reports (information)

7.1 Principal

- a) Attended an Anti-Bullying, Anti-Violence workshop on September 19, 2016
- b) School visit by new director general on October 5, 2016
- c) Participated in the AAESQ Fall Conference on October 6 & 7, 2016
- d) Ped day for teachers on October 7, 2016 (meetings regarding the MESA)

- e) Participated in a PRC Committee meeting on October 11, 2016
- f) Participated in a workshop on Family Law on October 12, 2016
- g) Participated in a conference on school perseverance on October 12, 2016
- h) Leadership training for our grade 5 & 6 students on October 12 & 13, 2016
- i) Met with a representative from the Caisse Desjardins de Chomedey regarding school banking project for students on October 13, 2016,
- j) Special Needs Committee meeting on October 13, 2016
- k) Completed the statistical workload compilation forms for all teachers on October 14, 2016
- l) Met with the director of Educational Services regarding the development of professional learning communities in our school on October 14, 2016
- m) First communication reports sent to all parents on October 14, 2016
- n) Teacher Council meeting on October 17, 2016
- o) Participated in a presentation by Laval police on police interventions in schools on October 18, 2016
- p) Attended the management (principals) meeting on October 18, 2016
- q) Met with a representative from Camp Académie regarding possibility of a summer camp rental at Souvenir in 2017 on October 19, 2016
- r) Practice evacuation on Friday October 21, 2016
- s) Halloween activities on October 31, 2016
- t) End of term 1 is Friday November 4, 2016

7.2 Home & School

- a) President and Treasurer of H&S attended QFHSA Executive Workshop on September 22, 2016.
- b) Home & School provided 4 volunteers for the grade 4 vaccinations on October 13th, 2016.
- c) A day for the retake of student's school pictures has not yet been scheduled.
- d) The Scholastic Book Fair will be organized for Nov 16th and 17th
- e) Toy Drive scheduled for the end of November.
- f) The Next H&S will be Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm.

Graduation Committee Report

- a) Frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser ended on October 18th and was successful.
- b) The next fundraiser scheduled will be a bagging in December.
- c) The next Graduation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd.

7.3 Before & After School Program

N/A

7.4 Parents Committee

- a) Election of various members to different committees
- b) The Parent Committee (PC) voted on the dates for future meetings. They request no major functions such as an open house be scheduled on these dates.
- c) PC discussed Bill 105 (the abridged version to Bill 86)
- d) Synopsis on the proposed Bill 105:

- Creating a Resource Allocation Committee (RAC)
- Increasing ministerial powers i.e. abolish school boards all together
- This revised Bill focuses too heavily on structural changes and less on the students.
- e) PC passed an equal rate tax resolution, which implies whether you pay school taxes to the English or French school board, the rate should be the same.
- f) Bill 105 was rejected through the Parent Committee and the resolution was drafted.

7.5 Teacher Council

- a) Parent Teacher Interviews: November 16 (cycles 2 & 3), November 17 (cycle 1 & Kindergarten). February 22 (cycle 1 & Kindergarten) and February 23 (cycles 2 &3)
- b) Field Trips (all were approved by TC)
 - 1) Cross-Country Régional 2016
 - 2) Nature and Community Walks (Kindergarten)
 - 3) Parc du Domaine Vert (Kindergarten)
 - 4) Musée des Enfants (Kindergarten)
 - 5) Intermiel (bee farm) (Kindergarten)
 - 6) Mini basketball team grades 5 -6

7.6 Community Representatives

N/A

8.0 New Business

8.1 Budget Summary 2015-2016

- a) Any monetary surplus at the end of the school year cannot be carried over to the following school year.
- b) Shortfall in revenue: \$9727.98
- c) Overall school operations: overspent by \$19 688.59
- d) School designated funds for special projects (can be carried over): \$7830.94
- e) School operations year-end balance: -\$2530.20

8.2 MESA Report 2015-2016

- a) Not yet completed. Should be ready by end of October.
- b) Tabled to next meeting.

8.3 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan

- a) Tabled to next meeting.

9.0 Fieldtrips and Fundraisers (resolution)

9.1 Mini Basketball League

- a) 12-15 grade 5 and 6 students
- b) Week of November 6 and December 4 (3 hours/day for 2 days)
- c) No cost
- d) Organized by A. Antonacci and E. Ruggi

Motion #191016-04

Motion to approve the Mini Basketball League fieldtrips.

Motioned by: E. Sakellaropoulos	Seconded by: S. Reinblatt	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
---------------------------------	---------------------------	----------------------	----------------

9.2 Kindergarten visit to Intermiel – May 4, 2017

- a) All Kindergarten students (73 students)
- b) May 4th, 2017 from 10:00-2:00
- c) Cost is \$13/child
- d) Organized by N. Meziani and S. Mirarchi

Motion #191016-05

Motion to approve the visit to Intermiel fieldtrip.

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

9.3 Kindergarten visit to Musée des Enfants – November 29, 2016

- a) All Kindergarten students (73 students)
- b) November 29th, 2016 from 9:00-2:00
- c) Cost is \$15/child
- d) Organized by S. Charest

Motion #191016-06

Motion to approve the visit to Musée des Enfants fieldtrip.

Motioned by: E. Sakellaropoulos	Seconded by: P. Koutroumanis	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
---------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------	----------------

9.4 Kindergarten nature and community walks

- a) All Kindergarten students (73 students)
- b) Variable times
- c) No cost
- d) Organized by all Kindergarten and Physical Education teachers

Motion #191016-07

Motion to approve nature and community walks for Kindergarten.

Motioned by: M. Daklaras	Seconded by: S. Reinblatt	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
--------------------------	---------------------------	----------------------	----------------

9.5 Kindergarten visit to Parc du Domaine Vert – May 18, 2017

- a) All Kindergarten students (73 students)
- b) Cost to be determined
- c) Organized by S. Mirarchi

Motion #191016-08

Motion to approve the fieldtrip to Parc du Domaine Vert with a ratio of 8:1 and 1:1 for special needs students (as needed).

Motioned by: C. Smith-Debanne	Seconded by: E. Kontakos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
-------------------------------	--------------------------	----------------------	----------------

9.6 Halloween Kids for Life Foundation Fundraiser

- a) October 29th, 2016: Halloween Night 2016 party at Paragon Reception Hall.

- b) October 31st, 2016: Haunted House hosted by Mary Frangiosa and George Theodoropoulos at 4075 Farrand Street in Laval.
- c) October 31st, 2016: Dress Down Day at Souvenir Elementary with optional \$2 donation for the Kids for Life Foundation.

Motion #191016-09

Motion to approve the Dress Down Day and optional \$2 donation for the Kids for Life Foundation.

Motioned by: C. Smith-Debanne	Seconded by: P. Koutroumanis	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
-------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------	----------------

10.0 Rentals (resolution)

N/A

11.0 Varia (information)

11.1 Air conditioning in the classrooms

- a) GB has discussed the possibility of installing air conditioning throughout the school.
- b) Mr. Ruggi will inquire with the school board to find out if the building can support the power needs of air conditioning system/units.

11.2 Skating Rink

- a) Skating rink is on track to be done again for winter 2017.

12.0 Next Meeting (information)

- a) November 23rd, 2016 at 7:00PM.

13.0 Adjournment (resolution)

Motion #191016-10

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

Motioned by: D. Steinberg	Seconded by: E. Sakellaropoulos	Carried: unanimously	Abstentions: 0
---------------------------	---------------------------------	----------------------	----------------

Eric Ruggi
Principal

Jimmy Abraham
Chairperson

Elisa Mucciardi
Secretary