



Souvenir Elementary School Governing Board Minutes Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Present: Jimmy Abraham, Jennifer Bell-Pierre, Krikor Bijian, Catherine Hervieux, Effie Kontakos, Peter Koutroumanis, Elisa Mucciardi, Susan Reinblatt, Eugene Sakellaropoulos, Cheryl Smith, Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis, Gary Ersan (alternate)

Regrets: Vicki Krawczyk

Principal: Eric Ruggi

Secretary : Cheryl Smith

Guests: Polizo Christodoulakis, George Foutrakis, , Ruby Kalamatianos

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm,

0.0 Verification of Quorum – Jimmy Abraham confirmed the quorum – with the absence of one parent member Gary Ersan was mandated to be an alternative voting member

1.0 Approval of Agenda

GB-20/12#1: Catherine Hervieux moved and Krikor Bijian seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

2.0 Approval of minutes

2.1 November 22, 2017 meeting (Resolution)

GB – 20/12#2: Eugene Sakellaropoulos moved and Effie Kontakos seconded to approve the November 22, 2017 minutes with the changes:

7 for – 2 abstention

Motion passed.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 **Parent Workshop Survey** – Eugene Sakellaropoulos reported that he will work on the survey it will be ready to be sent out in early January.

3.2 Krikor asked if we could follow up on issues of hygiene – these will be covered under varia



4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 **Letter regarding school fees from EPCA** – A. Pehi, Commissioner, informed the Governing board about the background and issues related to the school fees and the impact of the class action law suit which is pending with the ministry of Education regarding the school fees that are requested by schools to promote and furnish supplemental programs and resources for students. The survey period is closed but each governing Board should be away of the issues.

5.0 Question Period for the Public (Discussion)

No questions were submitted to the Chair or Principal ahead of the meeting.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Principal

- Nov 22 – Governing Board meeting
- Nov. 24 – Ped day, Teachers' Convention
- Nov. 29 – Management & principals meeting
- Nov. 30 – Regroupement Lavallois pour la Perseverance Scolaire general meeting
- Nov. 27 – Basketball Tournament (1/2 day), social skills program for Kindergarten starts
- Nov. 27 – Dec. 15 – Agape food drive, Toy Drive for Montreal Childrens Hospital
- Dec. 5 – ABAV Committee meeting
- Dec. 8 – Souvenir Night at the Place Bell, Vocal Group sings the national anthem,
- - Who is the real Santa Claus field trip? (Grade 2)
- Dec. 11 – Staff meeting
- Dec. 13 – Teacher Council meeting
- Dec. 13 – Village du Pere Noel field trip (Kindergarten)
- Dec. 13 – Maison des Arts field trip (grade 1)
- Dec. 15 – Basketball tournament, Leadership & Lifeskills Holiday Lunch Party
- Dec. 18 – Kindergarten snowman activity
- Dec. 19 – Hockey tournament at Place Bell
- Dec. 22 – Holiday Breakfast for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2,
- - Day 0, in-class holiday activities, last school day before the Christmas break

6.2 Home & School

- The Peace Pantry Popcorn Sale in December raised \$450.
- The Souvenir Raffle was very popular once again with the students. The Home & School committee congratulates all the winners.
- The Toy Drive for Montreal's Children's Hospital was successful this year and we thank everyone for their generosity.



- The Next H&S meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 7pm.

Graduation Committee Report

- The Mourelatos bagging was rescheduled and took place on Saturday, December 9, & Sunday, December 10.

6.3 Daycare Program

- **BOKS** – Build our Kids Success a 12 week program started in November – it is a movement program which Natasha leads in the mornings
- **Snow Days** – parents who have their children registered for daycare either full-time or occasionally can access daycare on a Snow Day if their child was scheduled to be there that day – the fees will be the same as a Ped Day.

6.4 Parents Committee

- Presentation by Heather Halman for Adult Education. Education offered to everyone interested, including international students, either part-time or full-time.
- Class Action suit on school fees discussed. EPCA has been mandated to write a report. Parents are asked to complete the EPCA survey available on their website and Facebook. The School Board is in support of this survey. The outcome of the lawsuit could significantly impact what programs some schools in the SWLSB could offer, if the programs cannot be subsidized by parents.
- The 2018-2019 School Calendars were reviewed.
- The school taxes for Laval have been reduced and will be in effect for this tax year. (The new rate being 23 cents reduced from 35 cents).
- The next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2018.

6.5 Teacher Council

- Subject Time Allocation – the TC discussed Subject Time Allocation and have sent their recommendations to the staff for consultation.
- January 22nd – Ped Day with CPI training
- Information session for incoming kindergarten students in morning and evening



6.6 Community Reps – no report.

7.0 New Business

7.1 ABAV Plan – Eric Ruggi circulated the 2017-2018 ABAV Plan that was developed by the committee. The Subcommittee involves – Eric Ruggi, Michela Cortese, Cheryl Smith, Elisa Mucciardi, Effie Kontakos and Martha Assima

After getting feedback from the staff and the sub-committee the final ABAV was submitted. We discussed the importance of the communicating these issues to students, posting on the website and communicating to lunch-time monitors.

GB-20/12#3: Peter Koutroumanis moved and Susan Reinblatt seconded the motion to adopt the ABAV plan as presented.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

7.2 Subject Time Allocations – Mr. Ruggi explained the process that has been taken up to this point with the staff to discuss any potential changes or adjustments to STA. The next steps would be ongoing consultation with the staff in January and subsequently a proposal to staff and the governing board in January. Tabled to the next meeting.

7.3 2017-2018 Measures received by MEES – The governing board of Souvenir Elementary School confirms that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has allocated to Souvenir Elementary School a total of \$92,008.00, as indicated in the attached summary CollecteInfo table, as part of dedicated and protected measures. These amounts have been added to the school's budget in accordance with the 2017-2018 budgetary rules of the MEES.

GB20/12 #4 – Eugene Sakellaropoulos moved and Krikor Bijian seconded the adoption of the resolution regarding Meures Dédiées et Protégées versées aux établissements pour l'année scolaire 2017-2018.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

8.0 Field trips & Fundraisers

No field trips, rentals or fund-raisers were submitted.

10.0 Varia (Information)

10.1 Krikor Bijian asked again about the possibility of a sink in the basement for the children to use to wash their hands. He also offered to provide coloured posters for the school to teach children the importance of hand-washing.



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11.0 Next Meeting: January 24, 2018 at 7:00pm

12.0 Adjournment (Resolution)

GB – 20/12 #5 – Susan Reinblatt moved and Effie Kontakos seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Unanimous.

Motion passed.

E. Ruggi

J. Abraham

C. Smith