



Souvenir Elementary School
École primaire Souvenir

Souvenir Elementary School Governing Board Minutes Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Present: Krikor Bijian, Catherine Hervieux, Effie Kontakos, Peter Koutroumanis, Vicki Krawczyk, Susan Reinblatt, Eugene Sakellaropoulos, Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis, Dimitra Sideris Gary Ersan

Principal: Eric Ruggi

Secretary: Krikor Bijian

Regrets: Jimmy Abraham, Jennifer Bell-Pierre, Elisa Mucciardi, Cheryl Smith

Guests: George Foutrakis, Polizoi Christodoulakis, Chrys Roussianos, Zoe Zambaras

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm,

0.0 Verification of Quorum – Eugene Sakellaropoulos confirmed the quorum

1.0 Approval of Agenda

GB-20/02#1: Peter Koutroumanis moved and Effie Kontakos seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

2.0 Approval of minutes

2.1 January 24, 2018 meeting (Resolution)

- GB – 20/02#2: Effie Kontakos moved and Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018 with the changes.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

2.2 Nomination secretary for today (Resolution)

- GB – 20/02#3: Effie Kontakos nominated and Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis seconded the nomination of Krikor Bijian as secretary for today.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4.0 Correspondence –

No correspondence



5.0 Question Period for the Public (Discussion)

No questions from the public

6.0 Reports

6.1 Principal

- Jan. 24 – Governing Board meeting
- Jan. 29 – Special Needs Committee meeting
- Jan. 29 – WE assembly with guest speaker for grades 4, 5 and 6, Leadership training workshop for students
- Jan. 30 – Hockey tournament at the Place Bell
- Jan. 31 – Feb. 2 – Grade 5 Winter Camp Field Trip
- Jan. 31 – Principals meeting (Teacher Evaluations)
- Feb. 2 - End of Term 2
- Feb. 7 – Principals meeting
- Feb. 12 – Sports Laval Ball Hockey tournament at Laval Junior Academy
- Feb. 13 – Staff meeting regarding subject-time allocation
- Feb. 14 – Food drive for Manoir Ronald McDonald, teacher council meeting
- Feb. 15 – National Flag of Canada Assembly, Visit from MP Mr. Faycal El-Khoury (Laval-les-Iles)
- Feb. 19 – Hockey tournament in Rosemere B Team wins tournament
- Feb. 21 – We Day field trip for Leadership students

Upcoming

- Feb. 22 – Blue & Gold Revue field trip to Laval Senior Academy for grade 5 students
- Feb. 22 – Parent-Teacher Night
- Feb. 23 – Articulation meeting with Laval Junior Academy regarding grade 6 students
- Feb. 23 – Ped day, Hockey Day at Laval Senior Academy
- Feb. 26 – Tubing at Mont Avila
- Feb. 27 – End of term awards
- Mar. 2 – Last day of classes before March break

6.2 Home & School

- Home & School celebrated the Souvenir teachers and educators during Teacher Appreciation Week from February 5 - 9, 2018.
- The Next H&S meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at 7pm.



6.2.1 Graduation Committee Report

- Chrys Roussianos, Graduation Committee President, would like to request approval for a chocolate fundraiser. Only the grade 6 students would be selling chocolate.
- The next Graduation Committee meeting will be on March 13, 2018 at 7pm.

GB-20/02#4: Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis moved and Effie Kontakos seconded the motion to approve the chocolate fundraiser by grade 6 students.

Unanimous

Motion passed

6.3 Daycare Program

- February 12th was a ped-day which we had a company come animate an activity called camp Adventures and robot games. The children got split into groups and the first half was a camping obstacle course and the second half of the activity was competition with robots that were brought in by Dynamix. 33 children participated in this ped-day activity.
- February 15th had a daycare technician meeting at the Board.
- February 19th we received a grant from metro grocery stores in order to promote healthy eating within our daycare. This is a grant that I applied for back in September and they accepted our proposal as of last week and brought us the check for 1000\$ yesterday.
- February 23rd we have another ped-day. It will be an out of school ped-day at Jungle adventure. There are 28 students attending and there will be 4 educators. We will be departing at 9:30am and returning around 2:30pm.

6.4 Parents Committee

- Amendment to field trip policy discussed. Deadline for Governing Board responses are March 19, 2018.
- Amendments to Use of Information & Communication Technology Resources Policy discussed. Deadline for Governing Board responses are April 3, 2018.
- SWL Gala raised \$39 000.
- The next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018.

6.5 Teacher Council

- No report

6.6 Community Reps

- No report



7.0 New Business

7.1 – Subject Time Allocation (STA)

E. Ruggi informed the Governing Board that the new STEM (Science, Technology, and Engineering & Math) program proposal was presented to the Souvenir staff by the administration and several invited speakers, including a representative from Learn Quebec, SWLSB Director of IT Mr. Robin Bennett, the science pedagogical consultant Mr. Samuel Altarac and Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services Mr. Michael Quinn..

The invited speakers were present to reassure Souvenir staff that they would have all necessary resources for the successful implementation of the STEM program within the framework of the new subject time allocation proposal. The vote was conducted with staff via secret ballot and the implementation of the new STEM program was **approved**.

Following the approval of the implementation of the new STEM program, the Souvenir staff drafted and agreed on a revised proposal for the subject time allocation in order to successfully integrate the new STEM program.

The Governing Board was presented the new subject time allocation proposal which was approved by Souvenir staff. E. Ruggi explained that to successfully incorporate the STEM program in Cycle III, the Souvenir staff had agreed on a 1 hour increase in time allocated to both Math and Science/Technology, while reducing the time allocated to French as a Second Language by 2 hours. The Governing Board recommends the staff consider the reduction in French for Cycle 3 for subject time allocation in 2019-2020.

The motion to approve the subject time allocation proposal was passed.

- GB – 20/02#5: *Effie Kontakos moved and Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis seconded to approve the 2018-2019 STA proposed.*

6 yes, 1 against, 1 abstention

Motion passed.

7.2-Consultation for amendment to field trip policy.

Was discussed and any changes should be reported by March 19, 2018.

7.3 Consultation on the Use of Information & Communication Technology Resource Policy.

Was discussed and any changes should be reported by April 3, 2018.



8.0 Field trips & Fundraisers

8.1 Free Skate at Place Bell on March 20-21, 2018, 1:00-2:15pm

-GB-20/02#6: Eugene Sakellaropoulos moved and Natasha Turgeon-DeBonis seconded the motion to have the Free Skating at Place Bell.

Unanimous

Motion passed.

9.0 Rentals

None

10.0 Varia (Information)

10.1 Transparency

Peter Koutroumanis highlighted the importance of having transparency within the school, especially with respect to situations involving bullying. E. Sakellaropoulos explained that Souvenir Elementary has an ABAV (Anti Bullying Anti Violence) plan that is strictly adhered to, and that incidents of bullying between 2 students are private matters that are dealt with directly with the students and parents involved and are not matters of public record.

10.2 Library

Peter Koutroumanis wanted to bring to our attention the status of the couches that are damaged in the library. E. Ruggi explained that there was a plan being formulated to invest some capital in the renewal of the library with the assistance of the Home and School Committee.

10.3 Ice situation in the parking lot

Peter Koutroumanis mentioned the slippery conditions in our drop-off zone. E. Ruggi confirmed that several requests have been made to the Greek Church to rectify the situation as it is their parking lot and responsibility.

10.4 Question period from the public

Krikor Bijian wanted clarification about the time allocated to questions from the public and to the reason why questions from the public had previously been refused even if time was still permitting. E. Ruggi confirmed that The Governing Board Meeting guidelines state that all questions from the public are to be submitted 48 hrs. in advance of the Governing Board meeting in order to be properly addressed.



11.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday March 21, 2018

12.0 Adjournment (Resolution)

-GB – 20/02#7: Effie Kontakos moved and Peter Koutroumanis, seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimous.

Motion passed.

E. Ruggi

E. Sakellaropoulos

K. Bijian