



Souvenir Elementary School Notes of the General Assembly Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Attendance:

George Baroumis	Vassilios Fassoulas	Vicki Krawczyk	Amanda Ragone
Krikor Bijian	Peter Ferentinos	Nicolas Lavoie	Eugene Sakellaropoulos
Beverly Canelho	George Foutrakis	Liza Michailidis	Natalie Sequeira
Pol Christodoulakis	Natasha Gamsaragan	Vivyan Owen Moss	Martine Williams
Claudia D'Abramo	Katerina Grigoropoulos	Maria Moshopoulos	Hratch Yerevanian
Georgia Diamantopoulos	Karine Halle	Richard Nahal	
Effie Dimogiannis	John Hatzichristos	Efstathia Papadopoulos	
Isabelle Duguay	Effie Kontakos	Nicole Pitsolantis	
Olga Economakis	Terya Kourtesis	Antonia Petropoulos	
Gary Ersan	Peter Koutroumanis	Andrea J. Petschner	

Principal: Eric Ruggi

Vice-Principal: Michela Cortese

Welcome/Opening Remarks:

Meeting commenced at 8:47pm.

2018-2019 Governing Board Member Introductions

Effie Kontakos, Peter Koutroumanis, and Vicki Krawczyk are returning Governing Board members

Business Arising:

a) Secretary: Effie Kontakos was nominated as recording secretary. It was approved by acclamation.

b) Elections: The Governing Board requires 3 parent representatives each elected for a 2-year term. Half the members are elected on an annual basis. In addition, 2 Alternate Parent Representatives are elected annually.

In total there are 14 members (6 parents, 4 teachers, 1 support staff, 1 professional, 2 community reps).

Term is 2 years for parents, 1 year for all other members.

Decisions are made by majority vote.

Meetings are held every month with a minimum of 5 per year.

Mr. Ruggi reviewed the information packet concerning the role of Governing Board and its representatives.

Decisions made by the Governing Board are in the best interests of the school and all students. Mr. Ruggi explained that the Governing Board has the power to approve but NOT change. The role as a parent is to represent all students, not individual issues. The Governing Board will look at all matters determined by law, for example: educational programs, budget, etc.

Document of Governing Board Functions was reviewed and is available in the office. (on file)

The election process was explained. "I nominate....", "I second...."

Liza Michailidis proposed that Mr. Ruggi and Mrs. Cortese be the scrutineers for the ballots, Eugene Sakellaropoulos seconded, unanimous.



There are five terms open for election – 3 two-year terms (regular Parent Representatives) and 2 one-year terms (Alternate Parent Representatives).

For 2-year term:

George Foutrakis nominated Pol Christodoulakis, seconded by Liza Michailidis.
Nicole Pitsolantis nominated Peter Ferentinos, seconded by Terya Kourtesis.
Maria Moshopoulos nominated Gary Ersan, seconded by Effie Dimogiannis.
Olga Economakis nominated Eugene Sakellaropoulos, seconded by Isabelle Duguay.
Gary Ersan nominated Krikor Bijian, seconded by Eugene Sakellaropoulos.
Eugene Sakellaropoulos nominated Jimmy Abraham, seconded by Effie Kontakos.
Claudia D’Abramo nominated Amanda Ragone, seconded by Krikor Bijian.
Pol Christodoulakis nominated George Foutrakis, seconded by Krikor Bijian.

All accepted the nomination and had the opportunity to speak to the group.
The vote was conducted through secret ballot and the following were elected for the 3 two-year terms:
Parent Representatives - Krikor Bijian, Gary Ersan, and Peter Ferentinos.

For 1-year term:

The remaining parents, Jimmy Abraham, Pol Christodoulakis, George Foutrakis, Amanda Ragone, and Eugene Sakellaropoulos, not elected for the two-year term, were nominated as Alternate Parent Representatives. All accepted the nominations. The vote was conducted through secret ballot.
The following were elected for the one-year term:
Alternate Parent Representatives - Pol Christodoulakis and George Foutrakis.

Governing Board is an open forum and all parents are welcome to attend the meeting.
Minutes are posted on the school website.

Parent Committee Delegates:

Out of the 6 parent representatives, one person needs to be elected as a representative at the Parent Committee meetings held at the school board once a month.

Gary Ersan nominated Effie Kontakos as Parent Committee Delegate and seconded by George Foutrakis.
Effie Kontakos accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.
Effie Dimogiannis nominated Peter Ferentinos as Alternate Parent Committee Delegate and seconded by George Baroumis. Peter Ferentinos accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

Treasurer Report: To be presented at the first meeting of the Governing Board.

First Governing Board meeting: September 26th, 2018 at 7pm.

Adjournment: Pol Christodoulakis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm, Effie Kontakos seconded, unanimous.

Notes prepared and submitted by Effie Kontakos.