

**Notes of the General Assembly of Parents – Souvenir Elementary School
August 29, 2017**

Attendance:

Effie Kontakos	Krikor Bijian	Jimmy Abraham	Susan Huber
Ria Anastasopoulos	Gary Ersan	Watson Chan	Maria Leikou
Isabelle Duguay	Cynthia Abraham	Peter Koutroumanis	Gino DeMurinis
Dimitra Alevetsovitis	Jerry Korogiannis	Andrea J. Petschner	Rod Popovic
Marika Koutountzas	Angie Perdios	Nicole Anastasopoulos	George Foutrakis
Vicki Krawczyk	Eugene Sakellaropoulos	Claudia D’Abramo	Dimitra Sideris
Liza Michailidis	Zoe Zabraras	Natasha Gamsaragan	Paul Vieira
Danielle Morin	Despina Vafiadis	Nadia Agostino	Bonny Yee
Marlene Wasserman	Isabelle Linhares	Natalie Sequeira	Furilay Hernandez
Connie Valerio	Ritcha Ladas	Ruby Kalamatianos	

Meeting commenced at 8:51 pm

Welcome/Opening Remarks:

2016-17 Governing Board Member Introductions
Jimmy Abraham (returning)
Eugene Sakellaropoulos (returning)
Krikor Bijian (returning)

Additions:

Approval of agenda:

Approval of minutes from _____ **:**

Question Period:

Business Arising:

a) Elections -

The Governing Board requires 3 parent representatives each elected for a 2-year term. Half of the members are elected on an annual basis.

Mr. Ruggi reviewed information concerning the role of Governing Board and its representatives. Decisions made by governing board are in the best interests of the school and all students.

In total there are 14 members (6 parents, 4 teachers, 1 support staff, 1 professional all voting members and 2 community reps who are non-voting members)

Term 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 meetings per year

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

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, field trips etc.

Election process explained “I nominate....”, “I second.....”

Eugene Sakellaropoulos proposed that Ms. Cortese and Mr. Ruggi be the scrutineers for ballots. It was seconded by Jimmy Abraham. Unanimous vote.

Jimmy Abraham proposed that Ms. Cortese be the recording secretary and was seconded by Eugene Sakellaropoulos. Unanimous vote.

There are 3 two year terms open for election

For 2 year term:

George Foutrakis nominated Dimitra Sideris seconded by Paul Viera

Gary Ersan nominated Effie Kontakos, seconded by Natasha Gamsaragan

Jerry Korogiannis nominated Peter Koutramanis seconded by Angie Perdios

Effie Kontakos nominated Gary Ersin seconded by Elisa Pappas

Eugene Sakellaropoulos nominated Vicki Krawczyk seconded by Krikor Bijian

All accepted the nomination and had the opportunity to speak to the group.

Vote was conducted through secret ballot and the following were elected for the 3 two year terms. There was a tie for two of the members and a second vote was conducted.

Parent Representatives:

Effie Kontakos

Vicki Krawczyk

Peter Koutramanis

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

Out of 6 parent representatives we need to elect 1 person to be a representative at Parent Committee meetings which are held at the school board once a month.

Liza Michailidis nominated Effie Kontakos and was seconded by Gary Ersin. Effie accepts the nomination and was acclaimed.

The alternate parent was selected.

Angie Perdios nominated Peter Koutroumanis and was seconded by Jimmy Abraham. Peter accepts the nomination and was acclaimed.

Treasurer Report: to be presented at the first meeting of the governing board

First Governing Board meeting: September 13th, 2017 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:51 pm

Notes prepared and submitted by Mrs. Cortese (Vice-Principal)