



LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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Michael Williams: Secretary
Luke Clary: Treasurer
Ben Castoriano
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Dr. Erin Greenwald
Dr. Ann Meese
Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arcenaux

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Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
July 7, 2014
5951 Patton Street New Orleans Louisiana
Held in RESTO! Lycée

Our Mission is that, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans students will matriculate into the finest colleges and universities throughout the world. Lycée Français will provide the opportunity for its students to achieve both the French Baccalauréat and the Louisiana high school diploma in an academically challenging and culturally diverse educational environment.

Agenda Item

1. Opening Items:

- A. Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 6:34.
- B. Secretary Williams recorded attendance. Member Clary was absent.

2. Approval of the Minutes.

Member Castoriano moved and Member Greenwald seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19 Board Meeting. They were accepted unanimously.

3. CEO Report by Keith Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett informed the Board that three of the five HVAC units will need to be replaced and the School's currently lease requires the School to pay 20% of the cost. Mr. Bartlett reminded the Board that if this repair is done in 2014-2015 school year, the School's portion of those costs increase to 40%.

Mr. Bartlett updated the Board that the Louisiana Department of Education completed its NCLB and IDEA monitoring of the School and found no areas of noncompliance. He also stated that he expects a notice regarding the accreditation from the French Ministry any day.

Mr. Bartlett stated that Bonjour NOLA summer camp was in its 2nd three-week session and has approximately 75 campers. He reminded the Board that this camp generates great publicity for the School and generates a small profit.

Mr. Bartlett stated that the School's new website was under construction and should be ready by the middle of August. He also stated that the student information system was replaced and that the new system, PowerSchool, was now in place.

Mr. Bartlett updated the current enrollment numbers and informed that 464 out of a possible 465 students were registered, that the total at-risk population has increased to 37%, and the kindergarten at-risk population was at 44%.

Mr. Bartlett explained that the School has taken possession of the space at St. Paul and the space would be painted and furniture moved in shortly. He also noted that security monitors and locks were being installed by Sonitrol.

Mr. Bartlett informed the Board that most interviews for School staffing were complete and that he was preparing to make offers to ELA, intervention services and an accountant.

Finally, Mr. Bartlett reminded the Board of the Bastille Day celebration on July 12. He noted that the School performs at perform at 5 and that staff in admissions will be there to answer questions.

3. Committee Reports.

- A. Development. Member Tropez-Arceneaux discussed the \$10,000 grant for smart boards.
- B. Facilities. Vice Chair Jones reported that the School has submitted a letter of interest for the Priestley site, but that OPSB has not responded yet.
- C. Finance. Ms. Heins presented a summary of the budget that was presented at June 24 public hearing. She then provided a brief recap of the budget hearing. Ms. Heins also reported that the Legislature is contemplating a law change which would reimburse Type 2 charter school for \$21,000 each foreign teacher. If this change were made, the School would likely save approximately \$444,000 on foreign teacher salaries, as it currently has 22 foreign teacher. However, the school would be required to pay Codifil \$1,000 per teacher for transition costs. Ms. Heins noted that this \$444,000 was not anticipated in the current budge, but that the Legislature had not passed this new law yet. Ms. Heins also noted that the School needed new bank signature cards and authorization cards for Chair Mills and Treasurer Clary. Member Meese moved and Secretary Williams seconded a motion to approve adding Chair Mills and Treasurer Clary on the bank cards and authorization cards and to remove Member Gray and Courtney Garrett. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Chair Report.

Chair Mills named new committee chairs and informed the committee chairs to reconstitute each person committee so that they could begin work.

Chair Mills informed the Board that Member Greenwald was taking a leave of absence through February due to work demands and obligations. Chair Mills thanked Member Greenwald for her many hours of service and stated that the School looked forward to having her back after February.

Chair Mills discussed the media attention the School has garnered with its expressed interest in the Priestley site. Chair Mills reiterated that the letter of interest was non-binding and that the School was still very early on in the process of reviewing the Priestley site. Because the process was at such an early stage, she asked Mr. Bartlett to field all media and other inquires on the School's interest in the Priestley site.

5. Closing items.

- a. Old business (if any) – Chair Mills discussed the status of note cards filled with School information. At a previous meeting, the Development Committee discussed creating a note card to dispel any mis-information about the School. The note card would have about 5 or 6 key facts about the School. Chair Mills indicated that the note cards were being developed by Ms. Stickney office and should be available for distribution shortly.
- b. New Business – None.

8. Motion to Adjourn: Lisa Arceanaux moved and Ben Castoriano seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by those present.