

La Liaison General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Patton St. Campus

**I. Wine and Cheese Socializing 6:00-6:30pm**

**II. Welcome from President-Amanda Struckhoff**

a. Reviewed Goals of the PTO

1. Give back to teachers such as through providing Classroom funds and by coordinating Room Parents and staff appreciation events.
2. Fundraising
3. Strengthening and Growing the Parent and School Community.

**III. PTO Board Introduction**

**Present**

Amanda Struckhoff, President  
Kristin Casemore, Vice President  
Louise Fenton, Treasurer  
Rebecca Fibble, Secretary

General Directors:

Ashley Brooks  
Amanda Cutrer  
Melissa Harris  
Delia Praner  
Kelley Rhein  
Lilly Schmidt  
Pascal Valcasara  
Adrienne Warren  
Jinger Whiddon  
Emily Zielke

**Absent:**

Scott McDermott

**IV. Joanna Sese reviewed Lycée Emergency Communications Process**

- a. Emergency communications will be sent out by phone call, email & text message; if the parent has opted in for text messages. Text 68453 Y or N to opt in/out.
- b. Contact Joanna if you are not receiving any of these alerts.

**V. Student introduction of Presenters by Karis Brooks (4<sup>th</sup> Grader) & Isabella Cutrer (6<sup>th</sup> Grader)**

- VI. Presentation by Keith Bartlett, LFNO Principal, and Marina Schoen, LFNO Chief Academic Officer: Planning Our Future—Strategic Planning of Facilities and What’s Coming up In the Classroom.**
- a. Noteworthy Statements:
    - i. Discussed how our school is the only public Lycée in the Country.
    - ii. School opened in 2011.
    - iii. 592 applications for 185 PreK & Kindergarten seats received this year.
    - iv. 2015/16 student count was 632, anticipate this year to be close to 740
    - v. Architecture firm Blitch Knevel hired for new campus
    - vi. Recruiting a consultant/Project manager for construction of new campus
  - b. Assets of the school reviewed by Keith
    - i. Positive perception of the school in the community
    - ii. Diverse school setting currently at 53% at risk, goal is 67%
    - iii. Last year received a 7 year charter renewal from BESE Board.
    - iv. Affiliations: Audubon, LA State Museum, National Park Service, Ogden, Delgado, Chevron, and more!
    - v. Commitment to a French Education
    - vi. French Partnerships
  - c. Challenges of the School
    - i. Teacher turnover due to Visa regulations
    - ii. Scattered between campuses
    - iii. Funding for new campus; getting ready to launch a capital campaign.
- VII. Treasurer report (Louise)**
- a. \$27,000 donated back to the school last year by PTO via fundraising.
  - b. First Fundraiser Pinkberry night out raised \$133.
- VIII. Committee Reports:**
- a. Community Cares (Kellee Rhein)
    - i. Committee assists school families with a variety of needs such as with meal trains, blood drives, carpool, uniform assistance, and much more. Invited individuals to let PTO know if they know of a family in need.
  - b. Room Parent (Lilly Schmidt)
    - i. Introduced self, expressed appreciation to parents that have volunteered and summarized the role of a room parent.
  - c. Social (Rebecca Fibble)
    - i. Reviewed upcoming events: Bienvenue Wine & Cheese on 8/26; Fall Picnic on 10/21; New Event City Park Night out on 5/13.
  - d. Staff Appreciation (Ashley Brooks)
    - i. Explained and encouraged parents to donate items/event tickets/ gift cards and other items to the school concierge program, where once a week donations are raffled off to the staff to win the item of the week.
  - e. Fundraising (Emily Ziekle)
    - i. The school is continuing with Box Tops and is exploring other

programs. Will continue to accept Labels for Education, but this program is being discontinued by the company.

ii. Will continue with monthly Lyceé Nights out at various restaurants and encouraged parents to send any suggestions.

iii. Next upcoming fundraising event is Skate Night on 9/22.

f. **Marché d'Hiver (Adrienne Warren)**

i. Save the Date for 12/3 (Saturday) at Priestly Campus.

ii. Partnering with Mt. Carmel and other schools to help obtain volunteers for event and the students will earn service hours.

g. **Communications (Melissa Harris)**

i. Encouraged parents to join the La Liaison FB Page

ii. Highlighted that upcoming La Liaison events are posted in Etre Le Page

iii. Parent Directory is in the works, more details to follow.

h. **Ambassador Program**

i. Highlighted program and encouraged new and old parents to join.

**IX. Dad's Club Presentation (Sam Ledgerwood)**

a. All Dads are already members.

b. Goal is to create a community for dads and help the school with facility projects.

c. Steak night is first Social Event on 9/14 at Patton Campus.

d. Dad's club has already held one work day and hosts another on 8/27.

**X. Other Comments:**

a. Back to School Night Patton Campus is 9/1; 6pm-8pm.

b. Back to School Night Carrollton Campus 9/8; 6pm-8pm.

c. Welcomed Parents to send in suggestions for future presenters at meetings.

d. Amanda gave a thank you for parents bringing in donations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank for flood victims.

e. Louise acknowledged Mellow Mushroom for donating pizza to feed the students in babysitting for all of the PTO General Meetings!

f. Next General Meeting is 11/29.

**XI. Presentation of Door Prizes**

a. Abita 6 pack of beer

b. Goody Basket of Port Wine; farm fresh muscat grapes & Cheese.

**XII. Adjournment: 7:40pm**