



## LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans  
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors  
April 23, 2015  
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:

Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Secretary Williams recorded attendance. In addition to Chair Mills and Secretary Williams, also present were Mary Jacobs Jones, Luke Clary, Ben Castoriano, Tim Gray, Dr. Ann Meese and Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arcenaux. Chair Mills noted that Member Dr. Erin Greenwald resigned her board position effective immediately. Chair Mills praised the work performed by Member Greenwald and commended her for the numerous volunteer hours and difficult tasks she handled for the School. Chair Mills, joined by the rest of the Board, thanks Member Greenwald for hard work and dedication and wished her well in her future endeavors.

#### 2. Reconsideration of facilities options for SY2015/16-SY2016/17 school years.

Chair Mills began the discussion by reminding the Board that at the April 6, 2015 Board meeting, the Board, after hearing numerous public comment, unanimously approved a motion to adopt option two, which would allow Mr. Bartlett to negotiate terms for leasing the first floor at the Poydras Street location.

After the meeting, numerous parents expressed concern about the Poydras location. However, numerous parents expressed support for the location. In addition, Mr. Bartlett received very generous offers from the Dads' Club to provide some of the renovation work at the Patton

location at no cost to the School. Additionally, St. Paul's agreed to bear a portion of the renovation cost at that location.

Before turning to the reconsideration issue, Chair Mills express her serious concern with the lack of civility with those critical of the Poydras location. Her sentiments were seconded by Member Gray.

Afterwards, Chais Mills reintroduced all four of the previously considered options, including the new cost considerations noted above for option one. Mr. Bartlett also stated that, with the new cost estimates, his recommendation would be option one. After a long discussion by Board members, Member Castoriano made a motion to adopt option one, which provides that the School will not lease any space at the Poydras location, but will renovate the St. Paul's space and the Patton space to allow for additional classrooms for the SY2015-2016. The facilities committee will also start working on plans for the additional classrooms needed for the SY2016-2017. Member Jones seconded the motion.

Thereafter numerous public comments were heard. After discussion, the motion was approved by majority vote. Secretary Williams and Member Tropez-Arcenaux voted nay.

3. Priestly Building. Member Jones stated that the closing was expected to be scheduled shortly. She also said she would provide additional information at the next meeting.

6. Closing items.

None.

7. Motion to Adjourn:

Member Jones moved and Chair Mills seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by those present.