



LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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Dr. Erin Greenwald
Dr. Ann Meese
Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arceneaux

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orleans
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
5951 Patton Street New Orleans Louisiana**

1. Opening Items

Alysson Mills called the meeting to order. In addition to Mills, present were Mary Jacobs Jones, Luke Clary, Tim Gray, Ben Castoriano, Dr. Erin Greenwald, and Dr. Ann Meese.

The motion to approve the minutes of the November board meeting was tabled.

2. CEO Report

CEO Keith Bartlett presented the attached monthly report of activity at the school.

Gray inquired why the school gives third-tier priority to applicants for kindergarten who are currently enrolled in Lycée Français's PreK4. He reminded the board that it voted in 2013 to limit preK4 "to LA 4 and siblings only," and thus to limit any priority in kindergarten admissions to siblings and students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. These students already receive first- and second-tier priorities. Gray expressed his dismay that students are neither siblings nor students who qualify for free or reduced lunch may have been admitted to PreK4 this year, and thus may have assumed a priority status that the board did not intend. Joanna Sese, who was not employed by the school at the time, explained that she was unaware of the board's vote in 2013. She promised to figure out how many students may be affected and report back to the board.

At the conclusion of his report, Bartlett invited Marina Schoen to summarize for the board her recent travel to Montreal to meet with leaders of other French schools. She advised that the travel was productive and that she made several connections with leaders of other French accredited schools in the US and Canada. She was pleased to report that the French Ambassador mentioned Lycée Français in his official address to educators.

3. Committee Reports (if any)

a. Facilities Committee Report

Jones advised that the Facilities Committee met to discuss ongoing needs for next year. It intends to put together a spreadsheet with options and costs.

She advised that due diligence, including environmental and structural inspections, is set to begin at the Priestley building site. She anticipated that the environmental and structural inspections will be completed by month-end. OPSB conducted its own structural inspection within the past year and she hoped that the same firm would agree to simply update its report.

Dr. Greenwald moved to authorize Bartlett to sign the purchase agreement that contemplates the purchase of the Priestley property after Phase I environmental and structural inspections are completed. Jones seconded the motion.

The board invited public comment on the motion. Parent Charlie Varley commented only that he believed the school should be able to obtain a copy of OPSB's recent structural report from OPSB. Parent Darren Belz commented that he still believes the project is worthwhile.

There being no further public comment, the board voted unanimously to authorize Bartlett to sign the purchase agreement that contemplates the purchase of the Priestley property after Phase I environmental and structural inspections are completed.

b. Governance & Compliance Committee Report

Castoriano updated the board on the pending lawsuits against LDOE that challenge the constitutionality of Type 2 funding. He advised that a judge preliminarily ruled that Type 2 funding is not unconstitutional. He advised that LAPCS and Type 2 schools that may be affected by the lawsuits are optimistic that after full hearing the judge's ruling will be made permanent. He warned, however, that any ruling is likely to be appealed, so resolution is still a long way away.

4. Chair Report

Mills congratulated La Liaison on this year's Marché d'Hiver, which was a huge success.

5. Closing Items

The board opened the floor to general public comment, but there was none.

There being no further public comment, on motion of Gray, seconded by Dr. Greenwald, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orleans.

/s/ Alysson Mills

Alysson Mills, substituting for Secretary Michael Williams

CEO Report to LFNO Board of Directors

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A. One-year Probationary Charter extension approved by BESE

B. Enrollment

a. Total: 471 enrolled students.

i. Grade levels with fewer than 25 students: K-3; 1st-19; 2nd-7; 3rd-17; 4th-0

b. Budget set at 465 students

c. Recruiting efforts

i. Palmer Park tabling is not producing the target audience we hoped. Discontinued that effort

ii. Open House—

1. 25 October –123 attendees

2. 12 November—45 in attendance

3. 19 November in Pigeon Town neighborhood—15+

iii. La Semilla—ELL group presentation to Hispanic families

iv. Incarnate Word relationship continues to build

1. Toy Drive for families (2nd year)

v. OneApp Clinic to be staged at Kingsley House

vi. Campus Tours continue

1. August thru Mid-November—by appointment

2. Mid-November thru February—scheduled tours

d. OneApp-opened November 3

i. Applications to date—293

1. Pre-K tuition-based 98

2. LA4 52

3. Kinder 123

4. 1st 8

5. 2nd 5

6. 3rd 0

7. 4th 4

8. 5th 3

C. Staffing

a. Lycée's first maternity leave--

- b. Professional Development
 - i. Marina to report on meeting of French school leaders in North America in Montreal—Nov 18-21.
 - ii. Roy Lyster presented for LF staff and invited guests on Nov 19 at Tulane and parents the evening before at the PTO meeting. He was extremely well received at both sessions with parents and teachers asking for his return.
- D. Annual Campaign
 - a. \$10,000+
 - b. \$30,000 goal
- E. Music
 - a. 4th Grade CD Release Party held Dec 6
 - b. School song has been drafted—lyrics and music being refined for release when mascot is revealed.
- F. Marché report
 - a. \$25,000 gross; \$20,000 net anticipate
- G. Yearbook
- H. Lycee Firsts
 - a. Points scored in a “basketball game.”