



## LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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Michael Williams, *Secretary*  
Luke Clary, *Treasurer*  
Tim Gray, *Immediate Past Chair*  
Ben Castoriano  
Dr. Erin Greenwald  
Dr. Ann Meese  
Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arceneaux

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Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans  
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 10, 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. In addition to Chair Mills and Secretary Williams, also present were Mary Jacobs Jones, Luke Clary, Ben Castoriano, Tim Gray, Dr. Ann Meese, Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arceneaux, and Dr. Erin Greewald.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes.

Member Castoriano moved to approve the August 11, 2014, August 23, 2014, September 5, 2014 and October 13, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Gray seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### 3. CEO Report by Keith Bartlett

Mr. Bartlett presented the attached monthly report of activities at the school.

#### 4. Committee Reports.

- A. Facilities. Vice Chair Jones presented the facilities report. She explained that the Facilities Committee met on November 7, 2014. Vice Chair Jones discussed the need for

- four additional classrooms for next year. Open discussion ensued on the possible solutions to short-term space need. Mr. Bartlett discussed a proposal to reconfigure the atrium upstairs to provide additional space for offices that would free up other space in the building for classrooms. Mr. Bartlett also discussed potential space at the St. Paul campus. The Board asked Mr. Bartlett to investigate other space options and to report at a later board meeting. Vice Chair Jones discussed the potential future need to create a separate committee for the acquisition and development of the Priestley School building. The Board tabled the issue and agreed to review the proposal later.
- B. Development. Member Tropez-Arcenaux provided the Development Committee report. She stated that the Development Committee has been revamped to include five members. She stated that the Development Committee would meet this week. She also stated that three subcommittees were formed. One subcommittee would focus on fundraisers, the second subcommittee would focus on stewardship and introductions to potential donors and the final subcommittee would focus on fundraising for the Priestley Building. She explained that the five Facilities Committee members would co-chair the subcommittee groups.
- C. Governance & Compliance. Member Castoriano updated the Board on a new lawsuit that could have implications for the School. He explained that two lawsuits were filed (one in early September, one in late September) against the Louisiana Department of Education and BESE. One suit was filed by the Iberville Parish School Board and one was filed by the Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE, the teachers' union). Both suits seek judgments that the funding mechanism for Type 2 charter schools through the MFP is unconstitutional. The suit by the LAE seeks a judgment halting MFP funding to Type 2 charter schools. The LAE and the Iberville Parish School Board have requested that the courts issue a preliminary injunction halting MFP funding to Type 2 charter schools.

Member Castoriano further provided that the LAPCS (Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools) is currently defending the rights of the Type 2 charters. Although the defendants in these lawsuits are technically the DOE and BESE, LAPCS has agreed to be the "face" of the Type 2 charters for this litigation. LAPCS wanted to make sure the rights of Type 2 charters are adequately represented/defended. Specifically, LAPCS sought to intervene in the LAE lawsuit and, on October 29, the judge ruled in favor of LAPCS and allowed LAPCS to intervene.

Member Castoriano stated that he and Chair Mills attended a conference phone call with LAPCS representatives and representatives from numerous other Type 2 charter school boards in which the LAPCS explained the status of the litigation. LAPCS also explained its need for funding to support its effort to represent the interests of the Type 2 charters in this litigation. LAPCS is asking all Type 2 charters to contribute one student's MFP to help fund the litigation.

Finally, Member Castoriano updated the Board on the status of the litigation and stated that neither court has ruled on the requests for preliminary injunction. The ruling in the LAE suit is now expected on November 14. The hearing on the request for the preliminary injunction in the Iberville suit is set for November 19 (so the ruling could be issued that day or shortly thereafter).

- D. Potential Committee. Secretary Williams discussed the possibility of forming an Audit Committee to perform and oversee the audit going forward. Treasurer Clary also discussed the pros and cons of an Audit Committee. Secretary Williams and Treasurer Clary agreed to review the issue further and report back at a later meeting.

5. Chair Report.

Chair Mills commended Mr. Bartlett and his staff on the annual review. She stated that the school received a school performance score of 91.5 and an organizational score of 96. She also stated that she had received a draft copy of the purchase agreement from OPSB regarding the Priestly building. Member Gray also received a copy and has provided OPSB with his suggested revisions. She stated that the School would have 90 days to complete its due diligence work and that at the end of the 90 days the School will be expected to sign the purchase agreement.

6. Closing items.

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

7. Motion to Adjourn:

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