



## LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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Mary Jacobs Jones: Vice Chair  
Michael Williams: Secretary  
Luke Clary: Treasurer  
Ben Castoriano  
Tim Gray  
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  
February 2, 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:

A. Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 6:34. Secretary Williams recorded attendance. In addition to Chair Mills and Secretary Williams, also present were Mary Jacobs Jones, Ben Castoriano, Tim Gray, Dr. Ann Meese and Dr. Lisa Tropez-Arcenaux.

B. Introduction of Gregor Trumel, Consul General of France. Chair Mills introduced Gregor Trumel, Consul General of France and welcomed his attendance at the Board meeting. Mr. Trumel expressed his appreciation for the invitation and indicated that he is very excited to work with the School. He stated that he has been working to gain a better knowledge of the school systems and has been meeting with various schools and officials in the area. He indicated that one of the main missions of the French Consulate is to support education.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes.

Member Gray moved to approve the January 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Jones 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. At the end of his report, Mr. Bartlett presented a video about the experience of the School's students at the Zoo and their enjoyment of the Zoo curriculum.

#### 4. Committee Reports.

- A. Facilities. Vice Chair Jones presented the facilities report. She reported that the pending purchase of the Alfred E. Priestley building is still in the due diligence phase. Vice Chair Jones also stated that after the purchase is complete, the Board must make some decisions on how to renovate the building. She stated that she would be meeting with potential developers over the coming weeks with the hopes of having one or two of the developers at the March meeting to take questions from the Board. Secretary Williams says that he has done some due diligence on one of the non-profit developers, Charter School Development Corporation, and the organization's Form 990 shows that it has been highly successful at developing charter school buildings. Member Gray raised an issue regarding the title of the building. He explained that when the property was deeded, the city inserted a deed restriction that stated the property could only be used as a school. Therefore, if for any reason, the Board decided to later sale the building, it could only be sold to a buyer who would continue to operate the building as a school. Member Gray reminded the Board that it could always ask the city to remove the restriction later. Finally, Vice Chair Jones discussed splitting up the facilities into two committees, one focused on the Alfred E. Priestley building and one focused on short-term space needs.
- B. Development. Member Tropez-Arcenaux provided the Development Committee report. She stated that the Fete would have a new name and the new event would be held on April 19. She stated that her committee is working hard on new events for pride in the School. Her committee is also working hard on securing grants and as evidence, the School has received grants of \$10,000 and \$7,000 recently.
- C. Finance. Nothing to report.
- D. Academics. Member Meese presented the academics report. She reported that the committee met on January 13. Ms. Schoen and Member Meese then discussed the academic status of the School.
- E. Governance & Compliance. Member Castoriano provided an update on the type 2 charter school lawsuits. He stated that the School contributed to the legal fund and that the trial was currently being scheduled.

5. Chair Report. Chair Mills discussed pre-K 4 open slots and preferences. Chair Mills recapped the history of the preference and explained that sometimes pre-K 4 has open slots. When a vacancy occurs, the main question is how to fill the extra seats and whether or not the child who filled the seat should get a preference into kindergarten if he or she is not an LA-4 child or a sibling of an existing student. After discussion, Member Castoriano proposed to fill the open seats first with other LA-4 students, then with siblings; after that all extra seats will be filled with other students, however, these student will not have a preference for kindergarten admission and the School will continue to strictly limit preferences for kindergarten admission to students with free and reduced lunch and siblings of current students and there will be an expressed advisement to parents that students in the pre-k 4 program that do not meet these preference

criteria will not receive any preference. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Closing items.

None.

7. Motion to Adjourn:

Member Castoriano moved and Member Tropez-Arcenaux seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by those present.