

Roll call – Mike Williams, Ben Castoriano, David Amoss, Margarete Wabnig, Alysson Mills all present; quorum is reached

Board minutes tabled - June was last meeting, Ben to provide

### **CEO report**

**Enrollment**—832 (budget built on 810 students)

- Patton Campus—424
  - Pre-K: 60 students with extensive waitlist
  - K: 126 students, over by 4
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: 124
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: 114
- Johnson Campus—408
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: 125
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: 114
  - 5<sup>th</sup>: 87
  - 6<sup>th</sup>: 57
  - 7<sup>th</sup>: 25

**Facilities**— (Report on Priestley progress to be delivered by Facilities Committee Chair)

- Patton Campus—10 Year lease signed with Archdiocese / St. Francis Parish
  - Rent in year 1--\$360,000
  - Not as cramped; 125 fewer students than prior years
  - No students housed at St. Paul building
- Johnson Campus—
  - Improvements made by LF were well received by students and families.
  - Many families came out for campus beautification / workday sponsored by Dads Club and PTO
  - Security is priority. All recommendations of security consultant were adopted (with exception of metal detectors):
    - Improved fencing with screening
    - Two security officers with coverage from 7AM to 7PM.
      - Retired Navy SEAL
      - Reserve Sheriff captain
    - 34 updated security cameras in use; 2 being monitored by Sonitrol
    - Internal communication systems strengthened
    - Security plan and Emergency Operations Plan in place
    - Windows changed, exterior and interior repainted
    - Improved exterior lighting
  - Traffic, parking issues still being monitored and addressed
  - Jethro Celestin to be commended for working with contractors to get facility in shape in record time.
- Carrollton Campus—
  - Listed with Corporate Realty for sublease.
  - A potential lessee viewed today.
  - Will continue to use for special events until leased

- Wine and Cheese social to be held in upstairs dining room, Friday, August 25, 6:00 PM; Board members invited to attend.
- Bus service launched to serve West Bank families.
  - Apple Bus Company awarded contract
  - 71 passenger bus serving route; bus filled with 5 on waitlist.
  - Survey of area school transportation systems to take place in the fall in anticipation of citywide service in SY 2018-19
- Meal service—
  - Pigeon Catering awarded contract;
  - Early reports from students are positive
  - Expecting increase in participation

### **Personnel**

- All essential staff hired, trained and in place.
  - Truncated version of pre-service for staff due to city-wide school closure for two days due to S&WB pumping issues.
- One position left to fill—teacher of the talented in theatre

### **Academics** (Delivered by Marina Schoen)

- Renewal of accreditation as a BESE certified immersion school to be renewed
- Thinking Outside the Classroom expansion for grade 7
  - Asking for authorization to negotiate lease with ANI
- Test Scores Results and SPS
- Pre-service Orientation
- Middle School (scheduling, PowerSchool)
- Professional Development (and AEFÉ)
- Academic Team (Curriculum and Instruction)
- Data Team (Data analysis)
- Accreditation (working on grade 6)

### **Development**

- Annual Campaign to launch in October
- L'Extravagance- Sunday, March 4, Generations Hall
- Grants received
  - \$6,000 from Brown Foundation for Service Learning
  - \$5,000 from Atlantic Philanthropies for Priestley
- Grants being worked on
  - \$50,000 from Selley Fund of GNO Foundation
  - Other foundations: Kellogg, Hearst, Gates, Coypu
- Case for support completed and ready for printer

### **General**

- Visit from new Consul General of France, Vincent Sciana

- Announcement of Retirement
  - Effective June 30, 2018; stepping aside for a new generation of school leaders that will bring Lycee to the pinnacle of success for which it is destined.
  - After 44 years in the field and serving as principal of 7 schools
    - 4 were Catholic schools; 1 RSD school opening following Katrina; 1 traditional public school in a 30,000-student district; and this charter.
    - None was more challenging, and none more rewarding or had a better mission than this school.
      - None was more diverse than this school.
      - None offered its students a better world-class education.
      - None had more engaged parents with drive to see the school succeed.
      - None had a more positive, visionary and supportive board.
  - Pledge supportive and seamless transition to new head of school
  - In the last 4 years at Lycee
    - Best decision was to bring Marina Schoen in as Chief of Academics. Regardless of the role she plays in the future of this school, her wisdom and ideas must always be respected if school is to evolve to its highest self.
    - Student population more than doubled
    - Thinking Outside the Classroom was initiated
    - Economically disadvantaged population grew from ~30% to more than 50%
    - Special education population grew to 10% with expectation that LF will meet and exceed average SpEd population in NOLA schools.
    - Secured accreditation by French Ministry, AEFÉ twice through grade 5.
    - Secured accreditation as a BESE certified immersion school.
    - Laid the groundwork for an athletics program.
    - Purchased the Priestley site and secured a consultant to guide restoration process.
    - Development consultant secured to advise funding
    - Moved out of Claiborne campus, redeveloped St. Paul building, created intervention space at Patton, opened and closed the Carrollton campus, leased and improved the JW Johnson campus.

### **Chair report**

- Lycee Board plans to hire search firm with help of search committee of Board
- Alyson makes motion to authorize Mike to negotiate Audubon deal, Ben second, motion passes unanimously, Mike abstained due to conflict
- Mike proposes to establish a supporting foundation - to raise money etc, necessary for tax credits, supported organization must maintain control of supporting foundation, will help guard anonymity of potential donors
  - Would be set up on a pro bono basis by Michael Williams, documents would be ready in a week, need to submit with by laws to IRS, takes 6 months before you get\
  - Mike makes motion, Ben second, passes unanimously

### **Committee reports**

#### **Nominating committee**

- We would like to get back to 9 board members

#### **Governance committee**

- Ben discussed amendments to by laws - changing to minimum of 7 board members, then clarifying board terms so that terms end June 30 of the third year, then get 1 successive term
- Ben motion to approve by laws, second David, no board discussion, passes unanimously
- Karianne heard of new orientation course for board members which may be beneficial

#### **Finance committee**

- Ben makes a motion to add approval of budget, Margarete is second, passes unanimously
- More students bring NI up to \$217k from \$98k
- Ben makes a motion to approve budget, Alysson second, no board discussion, no public comment, passes unanimously

#### **Facilities committee**

- Tim not here to do Facilities committee report, next meeting is 9/12, architects getting good review
- Mike describes additional expenditures to add on \$8,800 add on for additional design work, was originally in Blitch contract, not this contract, to add EDR work for \$6,900 for Phase 2 work that needs to be done to secure tax credits, hire food service design consultant \$8,690
- Ben makes a motion to approve additional expenditures, Margerete second, passes unanimously

#### **Old business**

- September 5 for oral arguments for type 2 funding lawsuit

#### **No new business**

David makes a motion to adjourn, Alysson seconds, no public comment, passed unanimously