

Academie Lafayette  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 19, 2010

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Cozad  
Mike Zeller  
Dr. Steve Green  
Harriet Charno  
Pam Gard  
Brian Hendrickson  
Chad Phillips  
Jane Alley

**Board Members Absent:**

Herb Hardwick

**Staff Present:**

Eric Roskam  
Jacque Lane  
Jean Claude Diatta

Call to order by Dave Cozad, Board President.  
Guests were welcomed and asked for questions, concerns, or comments.

**Parent Association Report**

Parent Association meeting will be held this week on Thursday, January 28, per Brian Hendrickson.

**Finance Report – Jacque Lane**

Jacqueline Lane presented and explained the resolution to be adopted by the board regarding renewal of the letter of credit. After the resolution is approved and signed by Dave Cozad, renewal of the line of credit should occur.

Mike Zeller asked if the terms of the line of credit agreement were changing and the response was no.

Mike Zeller then moved to authorize Dave Cozad to adopt this resolution as worded.  
Pam Gard seconded.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

## **Principal's Report**

Eric Nelis asked that the Board minutes be completed, approved, and posted within one week after the meeting.

- Enrollment – 574 (one student withdrew) A French family with 3 children has enrolled. Also, 3 new kindergartners have been enrolled.
- After School Activities  
YMCA program is being reviewed and the possibility of Academie Lafayette offering an after school program is being considered. There would be a charge paid to Academie Lafayette by parents for their child to participate, but the fee has not been discussed. Also, some of the parents have concerns with the current YMCA after-school program regarding the programs offered, space issues, etc. The question of whether or not staff would be interested was raised and the response was that it had not yet been discussed with staff. Discussion followed.
- Academic Support (61 students) – Eric Roskam  
Eric Roskam gave an update of the after school academic support program (tutoring). He mentioned that the students who participate are selected according to the following criteria:

Stanford test results

Semester finals

MAP results

Teacher feedback

Transportation is provided to those students who need it as well as the interns who stay and tutor in the program.

He also mentioned that there is communication between the students' teachers and the interns. The program began in November.

- New calendar was presented and it was explained that due to the snow days, changes were made. He mentioned that some of the teachers have asked about 3 weeks vacation during the winter break. Discussion followed.
- Professional Development - a Diversity Workshop conducted by Stan Johnson was held and teachers were very engaged and excited about the workshop. A follow up will occur on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Differentiated Instruction – progress is being made and we are working on “What does differentiation look like in the classroom” and that differentiation is not lowering our standards and expectations. He mentioned that we are still learning how to address students with academic and behavior challenges, but accomplishments are being made. Discussion held.

- Recruitment/Enrollment – 39 students currently enrolled and a constant flow of new enrollees are accepted daily. Pam then brought up for discussion the fact that we offer summer camp to the new kindergarteners and how we determine whether or not we can offer a K family a spot next year if they feel their child is too young for this year and can enroll the next year with a guaranteed spot. Discussion.
- France Trip – 31 students traveling and Leslie Houfaïdi, the trip Coordinator, will be assisted by chaperones Janice Boughner, Michael Jones, and Andrea Yeager.
- Service Committee – there are some parents working on an initiative for Haiti.
- Development Report – Eric Nelis  
Introduced Shelly Doucet and Mike Levine. Mike Levine accepted the position as fund development director and Shelly accepted position as communication director and will be assisting Eric Roskam. At that point, Shelly & Mike gave a brief presentation of their goals and development plans for the school.

Kirk Farmer indicated that he would work with them to bring them up to date on the past and present movements toward the building expansion or purchase of a new building.

Lengthy discussion with board followed.

- Teacher Report – Jean Claude  
Mentioned that teachers are asking for a stipend for teachers who do extra work with students.

#### **Finance Committee – No Report**

#### **Technology Committee Report – Eric Roskam**

Meeting scheduled for next week.

**Facilities Update** – Eric Nelis gave a brief report on how we will accommodate the increase in students and indicated that we will utilize the church again next year as a kindergarten building and use our current space to accommodate the current students.

#### **Closed Session**

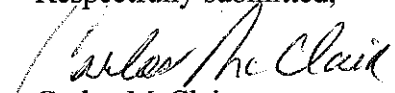
Dave Cozad asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Mike Zeller moved to go into closed session. Pam Gard seconded.

Roll call vote taken.

Dave Cozad	Yes
Mike Zeller	Yes
Dr. Steve Green	Yes
Harriet Charno	Yes
Pam Gard	Yes
Brian Hendrickson	Yes
Chad Phillips	Yes
Jane Alley	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carlos McClain  
Secretary to the Board