

Conseil d'Ecole Meeting
Sept. 26, 2017

MEETING NOTES

Present:

Elimane Mbengue, Head of School
Heather Royce, Principal/Cherry
Eric Roskam, Vice Prin./Oak
Jean Claude Diatta, Vice Prin./Cherry
Leslie Houfaïdi, Principal/Oak
Jacque Lane, Bus. Mgr.
Carlos McClain, Office Mgr.
Meghan Lavin, PTSO Pres.
Celine Cormerais, Teacher, Gr. 1
Sandrine Molinengo, Teacher, Gr. 2
Celine Ghisalberti, Teacher, 4
Garrett Webster, Parent
Pam Wirken, Parent
Yanlan Yin, Teacher, Mandarin
Melissa Victorin, Parent

Meeting Opened by Mr. Mbengue.

Introductions and the process for Conseil d'Ecole and the goal of providing input on major management decisions was presented.

He explained the roles of members and the various school committees that include teachers that follow up and are involved in Building Level Team meetings, Division Team meetings, etc.

Introduction of Chad Phillips, Board Member

- Thanked staff and parents for volunteering to participate on the Conseil.
- Presented the goals of the board in recruiting and electing parent-elect board of directors. Board members are selected to serve the current and future fiduciary governance of the board. Board members do not represent parents individual concerns. Board members represent the school, but recognize the difference between administration and governance. He stated that it is critical that the chain of communication is followed so that the board is only notified of issues that have not been resolved. Board members may be asked to serve on committees and represent the school during legislative sessions or other community meetings.
- Chad Phillips also mentioned that the Conseil d'Ecole will assist with the selection of the candidates for the parent-elect board member and continued by providing info on the role and duties of the parent elect board member.

- Mr. Mbengue finalized the explanation asking for questions or comments from the group. He also indicated that the group should bring to the Conseil any concerns, questions, recommendations, etc. they receive from parents or teachers to the Conseil for discussion and awareness.
- Conseil d'Ecole Representatives – these are representatives of the community at large. The representatives are asked to get input from the parents in order to make recommendations for the parent-elect board seat.

Conseil d'Ecole Meeting Dates

Mr. Mbengue asked for a consensus for meeting dates. The next meeting dates are as follows:

October 12, 2017

December 5, 2017

February 7, 2018

May 9, 2018

Strategic Planning

Mr. Mbengue discussed and explained some of the proposed strategic plan goals:

- Reviewed the process
- How to improve school diversity
- How to serve minority and low income students
- How to serve advanced students
- Staff training
- Parent engagement
- K-12 growth plan

Discussion

- **After school Care** - discussion regarding other options available that are not currently offered to parents. It was suggested that the school talk to parents to determine if their needs are being met. The possibility/need for an after school assessment being sent to parents was briefly discussed, what other options are available, and costs of optional resources. Mr. Mbengue mentioned that an after school program run by the school is being considered.
- **Advanced Student Placement** – The question was raised as to who makes the decision as to which students should be placed in a higher level of math or other subjects. Also, discussion held regarding the benefits of this to the students.

It was stated that the difference between gifted and advanced students needs to be defined.