Board Members Present:
Chad Phillips, President
Marvin Lyman, Vice President
Pam Gard
Harriet Plowman
Tracey Lewis
Mark Flavin
Dave Cozad
Mike Zeller
Dr. Margaret Anderson
Jon Otto

Meeting Opened
Board meeting opened at 6:11 p.m. by Chad Phillips, President.

Chad Phillips began meeting by providing a statement regarding the high school negotiations with the Kansas City School District and the video made by some of the Académie Lafayette parents, which was generated via YouTube. He also addressed the importance of the confidentiality of some of the information being discussed in closed session. He then stated that some of the comments mentioned in the video contained misinformation. The stakeholders were informed that index cards were available at this meeting to be used for questions/concerns to be submitted to the board and would be discussed at the next PTSO Meeting on May 4th.

Stakeholders Comments

- Cathy Metcalf – Gave information about how the high school curriculum had been developed and the future steps in the process of the start up of the high school with regards to teachers, courses, funding, and teachers to write the course. Discussion and further explanation of program needs followed.

- Jay Norton – Asked the Académie Lafayette board to go back to the negotiation table with the Kansas City school board. He continued with his reasons why, i.e. need, building availability, and philanthropic donations he heard were available.
- Kea Bird-Riley – Commented that she had previously spoken to the board and is in support of the Académie Lafayette board continuing with the negotiations. She continued by providing further comments regarding the benefits of the high school being located in the Southwest High School building.

- Terry Riley – Commented that he has been in communication with some members of the Kansas City School District as well as many of the organizations within the African-American community and discussed the issue at hand and helped to clear up some of the misconceptions in the community about Académie Lafayette and the district working together to start a high school. He concluded by thanking the board for their continued hard work on this endeavor.

Approval of Minutes
Chad Phillips asked for approval of the March minutes. ___ seconded and board unanimously approved.

Building Updates
Cherry Campus Update – DeVonia Morena
- Distributed weather impact report for Jan., Feb., and through March 19th. Also, the 3-week look ahead report was provided.
- Demolition of the exterior wall began last week and the stairwell demolition has been completed. Ms. Morena also shared pictures of the progress to date.
- Request for change order was presented which was due to an electrical design change that was encountered.
- The Project Mgr./Diggs Construction reported that there were delays due weather. Steel is 100% completed, roofing will begin next week, manhole for sewer line has been set and inspected by City, framing is complete and frames and drywall can begin to be installed.
- Weather delays discussed.
- Explained why the change order was requested.
- Discussion followed with questions and clarifications made on report were provided.

Oak Campus Update – Jacque Lane
- Glazing of windows is almost completed. Tuck-pointing is almost complete and work halted due to MAP testing.
**PTSO Report – Jeff Johnson**

- EIP Report – grossed more than last year by $10,000 to $12,000. He gave an approximate amount raised of $120,000.
- Discussing a sponsor for next year’s EIP event.
- Collected $31,000 toward Smart Boards.
- Thanked Chad Phillips for addressing high school issue as well as their work in general, and for agreeing to take part in discussions at the next PTSO Meeting on May 4th.

**Head of School Report – Elimane Mbengue**

- UCM changes – MAP index used to calculate student growth and achievement and also comparison with other schools.
- MAP Test – Students are preparing for test. This is the first year the test will be administered on computers.
- NWEA will be taken first and followed by MAP testing this year as opposed to last year. He continued with information about the process for testing. He mentioned that a proposed survey (with permission from parents) be given to students to see what time of day they feel is best for them to be tested.
- Looking into new computer application that will replace Power School. The new system is E-school core. Teachers and admin. staff is involved in the evaluation of the new proposed system.
- 5th grade students traveling to Jefferson City to visit the Capitol.
- Researching adding an additional 30 minutes to the students’ school day to help to improve some of the core academics.
- Teacher evaluations are continuing.
- 2015-2016 Professional Development plan is being developed and each teacher is involved. Each grade level team will work on their plans relevant to their grade levels.
- Contracts have been offered to three new teachers.
- Graduation is June 1st from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- End of the school year is June 2nd.
- Cherry has started reading program utilizing volunteers.
- Question raised and discussed regarding the best time for students to be tested.

**Medication Regulation Revision – Jacque Lane**

Change is to allow the parent to give nurse permission to administer Tylenol, Motrin, and other over the counter meds for pain to students instead of a doctor’s permission slip being required. This will be added to the current plan for administering medicines to students.

**Motion**

Dr. Margaret Anderson moved to approve the medication regulation as presented. Marvin Lyman seconded. Discussion. Board approved.
Development Report – Sarah Guthrie

• Annual Fund is primary focus at the present time.
• Several Foundation grants are in progress. Discussion.
• Funding for high school – Mike Zeller reported that he and Tracey Lewis have been meeting with foundation and potential donors interested in funding a high school. He provided information on who the potential funders are and the extent of their interest. He also read a letter from the Stowers Foundation regarding their support for the proposed partnership high school at Southwest. The letter also stated that a team of civic leaders has come together in support of the cause to help with the financial barriers. And, former Southwest alumni have shown an interest in support for the partnership at Southwest high school. Lengthy discussion followed.

Finance Report – Jacque Lane

• March accounts payable report was distributed for review and approval. Jacque Lane gave explanation for some of the expenses incurred.

Motion
Chad Phillips moved to accept the March accounts payable report. Unanimously approved.

Discussion
- Jacque Lane provided a breakdown and explanation for the DESE payments.
- Projections for the year to date were explained and discussed.

Employee Handbook – Mr. Mbengue

A page to be added to the end of the “Teachers’ Handbook” that indicates that teachers have received and read the handbook was presented for approval by the board. Discussion followed.

Motion
Dr. Anderson moved to accept the letter to be added to the “Teacher Handbook” as follows: Teacher shall read the entire Académie Lafayette Employee handbook and abide by the standards, policies and procedures referenced.

Amended Motion
Dr. Anderson approves adding Section 3-D from the handbook to the contract subject to the contract being recommended by the Académie Lafayette lawyer.

Motion as amended was unanimously approved.

Governance – Jon Otto

• Board on Track – gave info on where to record training.
• Information given regarding training being provided by Board on Track for board members.
• Information on other board training opportunities was discussed.
Adjournment
Open meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss Human Resources.

Roll Call Vote Taken
Chad Phillips Yes
Marvin Lyman Yes
Pam Gard Yes
Harriet Plowman Yes
Tracey Lewis Yes
Mark Flavin Yes
Dave Cozad Yes
Mike Zeller Yes
Dr. Margaret Anderson Yes
Jon Otto Yes

Vote unanimously carried.