MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Chad Phillips, President
Marvin Lyman, Vice President
Pam Gard
Mike Zeller
Dave Cozad
Margaret Anderson
Joe Langle
Tracey Lewis

Board Members Absent:
Jon Otto
Harriet Plowman

Staff Present:
Elimane Mbengue, Head of School
Jacque Lane
Sarah Guthrie
Katie Hendrickson
Leslie Houfaiidi
Marcia Berry
J.C. Diatta

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the October 13, 2014, Board Meeting was approved with recommended changes.

Approval of Agenda
Agenda was amended to add closed session item re: Human Resource item.

Stakeholder Comments/Concerns
None

Cherry Expansion Update – Devonia Mereno
Ms. Mereno gave a brief update of the construction project. A snapshot of the timeline was also distributed and further information regarding the progress and plans was provided. She then introduced Tony Davis, Project Manager, who continued with an update and plans for the continued progress of the project.
The original schedule date was May 10th, and due to the permit delay, the final completion date will be delayed and stated that, of course, weather will also play a major role in the completion date. He also gave a review of the plans for the green space presented to Diggs and a lengthy discussion followed regarding the feasibility of how the green space can be developed based on available space, plans, and budget.

Oak Campus Update – Jacque Lane
• Boiler installation has been completed and is currently being tested and should be ready to run this week.

• New cafeteria tables have been installed.

• Drain and spring outside which runs down the 69th street is being checked to determine how to avoid the run off onto the sidewalk.

• Chad Phillips commented that Craig Scranton, BNIM, is looking into plans for the new secure entrance for the Oak Campus.

PTSO Update – Jeff Johnson
No official responses have been received for the parent elect board position. The forum is planned for Mon., Nov. 17th, during the meeting.

High School Update – Dave Cozad
Discussion with the KCMO School District are on-going and indicated that it would be further discussed in closed session.

Head of School Report – Elimane Mbengue
• Visit made by the French Consul General from Chicago.
• Archbishop and the superintendent of the Episcopal schools in Haiti visited.
• Dickinson Foundation board toured the school.
• Teachers are learning about the Smartboards.
• Oak Campus Garden Club harvested the remainder of the vegetables which was organized by Michael Jones.
• Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended.
• After school homework club will start next week.
• IB Program is on target and teachers are continually being trained.
• Fundraising by the middle school raised over $1,000 for the Annual Fund.
• Professional development for teachers is on-going and includes common assessment workshop and teacher lead professional development sessions.
• Principal’s Coffee was well attended by homeroom parents.
• Cherry Campus hosted approximately 50 UCM education students.
• Open House at the Cherry Campus was a success, hosting over 75 people.

The question of math improvement and other subjects was discussed and explanation provided.

The third language classes (Mandarin and Spanish) are going well.

Development Report
• Student at Cherry Campus nominated for Philanthropist award.
• Progress being made on Capital Campaign.
• Natl. Day of Giving is Tues., Dec. 2nd, and is being promoted to Académie Lafayette families via a series of four e-mails featuring people who have given to the Capital Campaign.

Finance Report – Jacque Lane
• Summary and lengthy explanation of accounts payable report was presented (the complete report was sent to all board members prior to the meeting).
• Audit has been completed and a new item observed was process for recording student attendance.
• Explanation of summer school payment was provided.

Motion
Chad Phillips moved to accept accounts payables as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Human Resources – Dr. Margaret Anderson
* Dr. Anderson commented that the hiring process for the 2015-2016 school is being discussed.

Adjournment
The open session meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Motion
Chad Phillips moved to go into closed session to discuss Human Resources and student issues.

Roll Call Vote
Chad Phillips Yes
Marvin Lyman Yes
Pam Gard Yes
Mike Zeller Yes
Dave Cozad Yes
Margaret Anderson Yes
Joe Langle Yes
Tracey Lewis Yes

Thank you to Joe Langle for his contribution to the board as the parent – elect representative was given at the close of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carlos McClain
Secretary to the Board