Académie Lafayette
Board of Director's Meeting
October 14, 2019
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jon Otto, President
Chad Phillips
Harriet Plowman
Renee Schloss
Gwen Poss
Marvin Lyman
Beth McCarthy
Tanja Heinen

Board Member Absent:
Kelly Baker
Carla MeBane, Ed.D.
Michael Bland, Vice President
Lori Wilkerson

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. by Jon Otto.

Agenda
Jon Otto asked for approval of the agenda and with no changes the board approved.

Stakeholder Comments
No comments presented.

Minutes
Jon Otto, President, asked for approval of the September 12, 2019, minutes. The group was informed that corrections to the minutes had been noted made.

Motion
Marvin Lyman moved to accept the minutes as read with noted changes made. Gwen Poss seconded. The Board VOTED to approve.

PTO Report – Leslie Kohlmeyer
  ● Nov. 15th - Dance for parents “Get Down”
  ● Nov. 23 – Holiday Art Market
Introduced alumni students Will Wooden and Charley Kohlmeyer who presented a portrait of Mr. “Buck” McClain in honor of his commitment and dedication to the students and school.

Development Report – Michelle Markham

The following update was provided.

- High school press release sent out.
- EIP event updated.
- Holiday mart will be held this November at the Cherry Campus.
- Incorporating 20th anniversary in all activities.
- HS Funding – submitted to SSKC for grant.
- Meeting scheduled with possible funders.
- Annual fund: in progress at $58,000.
- Annual fund - needs approval by Jon Otto and Elimane Mbengue.
- Marketing plan developed and needs to be finalized.
- Generation’s day is being planned.
- Musketeer run is outsourced again this year.
- Soccer field renovations – getting updates.

Head of School Report

- Discussed open seats.
- Enrolled three new students.
- School culture – HealtheKids screening completed.
- Parent-teacher conferences this week.
- Students from France will visit Armour.
- In-service day on Friday.
- Conseil d’ecole meets on Mon., Oct. 28.
- Student Achievement
  - NWEA tests have been closed.
  - Trimester 1 Common Assessment will start on Oct. 21.
  - MAP results will be shared in November after State results are released by DESE.
- Student Learning
  - Additional academic support needed for some grades.
  - ELL teacher to be determined.
- Educator Effectiveness
  - All new teachers have arrived.
  - Building subs are needed.
  - New teachers are working with Teach for America.
- Professional Development
  - PD Day on Friday, Oct. 18, and teachers will attend the MCPSA Conference and visiting other schools.
  - Middle school teachers will have IB training.
- Educator Culture
Each campus has a culture committee to foster collegiality and collaboration.

- Special Projects
  - Discuss high school and informed the group that a federal grant was awarded to the school.
  - High School Committee is in place.
  - Plans to renovate three rooms into a MakerSpace.

- Partnership Initiative
  - High school information meeting with 8th grade families will be held on Oct. 22.
  - Plans to change charter to include PreK collaboration. Explanation of how the PreK collaboration will work (eight students will be allowed to attend other school’s and then will be enrolled in AL.

Jon Otto requested a motion to approve expansion of Académie Lafayette charter to include PreK – 12 subject to the approval of UCM.

**Motion**
Beth McCarthy moved to approve expansion of Académie Lafayette charter to include PreK-12 subject to the approval of UCM. Harriet Plowman seconded. Board **VOTED** to approve.

**Finance Report – Jacque Lane.**

**Motion**
Harriet Plowman moved to approve the September accounts payables. Marvin Lyman seconded. Board **VOTED** to approve.

Jacque Lane continued giving a detailed report of finances.

**Funding**
Explanation and review of budget issues was provided with regards to cuts and expected payments of funds that were cut being paid back to the charters if approved by the State. Jacque Lane continued by giving info on the timeline to be used by the state including payment dates.

**Policies**
Jacque Lane asked for approval of policies due to changes in Federal programs, i.e. homeless policy and foster care policy.

Jon Otto asked for a motion to approve the policies.
Motion
Marvin Lyman moved to Approve Federal Programs policies for Homeless Policy 2200 and Foster Care Policy 2760. Gwen Poss seconded. Board VOTED to approve.

Governance Committee Report – Beth McCarthy
The following were discussed:
- Board training
- Board member terms
- Board committees
- Board goals

Diversity Committee Report – Beth McCarthy
- Continue building relationships with minority families.
- Determining the gaps and discussing attrition rate and the ethnicity of the students who withdrew.

President’s Report – Jon Otto
- MCPSA sent a list of priorities for Legislative Session – charter school funding is a main topic and enrollment of students of teachers who live outside the district boundaries and be paid for those students.
- Year round schools being discussed.
- Charter school expansion into other cities.
- Amending constitution in Missouri for education rights.
- MCPSA Conference is Oct. 17 & 18.
- Consider new agenda item – “New Business”
- Consider changing meeting date and times.

Adjournment
With no further business, Jon Otto adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.