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Danielle Dufauchard, *Interim CEO (ex-officio)*

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00PM
Zoom meeting**

- I. Open Meeting - A. Warren
 - A. Meeting called to order 6:09pm
- II. Roll Call - A. Warren
 - A. Present-Adrienne, David, Shearon, Ann, Khrista, Cassandra, Leandro; quorum met (7 of 12 present at roll call)
 1. Matt and Lauren join at 6:15pm
- III. Approval of Minutes - A. Warren
 - A. Motion to approve minutes from 9.21, 10.7 Meeting of the Board of Directors
 1. Adrienne Moves, David seconds
 2. Board comment-none
 3. Public comment-none
 4. Motion passes unanimously
- IV. Reports & Recommendations of Chairman - M. Moreland
 - A. Matt appoints Shearon Roberts as Vice Chair of the Board and asks the Governance committee to continue board recruitment to fill vacancies
 - B. CEO search update- no update at this time
- V. Old Business
 - A. Update on LFNO Strategic Plan - Danielle-selection of steering committee members across community. Analysis of Board interviews and team interviews being completed. Surveys in Spanish, English and French languages were sent out to parents and are due 10/29. REcruiting parents for focus/affinity group participation. Leadership team meeting with consultants to update mission,vision, value statements. Affinity groups to be conducted in the next couple of weeks. Lauren requests that all constituents (Board, Administration, Teachers, Parents) get the word out about the surveys so we have as much participation as possible.
- VI. Reports & Recommendations of Committees
 - A. Interim CEO Report - D. Dufauchard- Good news-LFNO received a \$25K grant from Charter School Growth Fund. Also received a \$37K grant from New Schools for New Orleans to purchase Ipads to preK students. These grants will also support French tutoring for students. Opportunities for

improvement include:

1. Transportation- current contractor unable to fulfill having 8 buses. Team looked elsewhere to fill the need. Only found 3 companies to submit bids. JJ Julien short term contract to provide additional buses to meet need.
2. Hiring- New ESS director hired in July. There is still a staff shortage in SPED department. One of two gifted teacher vacancies were filled. Working on vacancies at McNair campus. Updating parents as much as possible.
3. Thinking outside of the classroom will remain virtual for lower and middle school students due to COVID. High school students will participate in the Aspen challenge. STEM Nola conducting sessions with lower school students.

B. Standing Committees

1. Academic Committee Report - A. Meese

- a) Working with the academic team to figure out how the school will deal with the second COVID year. New ESS Director presented at the Academics Committee and developed an interim plan to cover staff shortage in this area. He will be presenting the SELF evaluation in the next committee meeting. Sophie Capmartin is publishing a regular academic newsletter to share important news with parents and teachers. She will also be hosting a high school pathways academic cafe.

2. Facilities Committee Report - D. Amoss- Hard cost contingency is expended. Substantial completion date is still Dec 31st so the project is still on track to be completed by the end of the year. Change order for \$17,000 will be held for the next general board meeting.

3. Finance Committee Report - B. Long- no update provided

4. Governance Committee Report - S. Roberts- Shearon presents a governance committee report which details the rationale for the following bylaw updates.

- a) Motion to update LFNO Board bylaw section 5
 - (1) Shearon moves, Adrienne seconds
 - (2) Board comment-none
 - (3) Public comment-none
 - (4) motion passes unanimously
- b) Motion to update LFNO Board bylaw section 6
 - (1) Shearon moves, David seconds
 - (2) Board comment-none
 - (3) Public comment-none
 - (4) motion passes unanimously

C. Other Committees

1. Amis du Lycée Report - A. Normann- compiled milestone reports to Charter school growth fund and Walton Foundation. Working on a proposal for Laura Bush foundation to supply the school library with additional books. Will be distributing capital campaign letters for Room to Grow campaign. Initial planning meeting will be scheduled for Priestly ribbon cutting ceremony. Two new Thinking outside of classroom partnerships- Jean Lafitte National Park Service will be sending educators to school to present to students. Longvue Gardens will also be sending educators to the Johnson campus to teach a community gardening curriculum. LFNO was selected by the New Foundation to be the site of their book launch to be held on Oct 26th at 2pm at LFNO.

2. Athletics Committee Report -

3. Culture & Community Committee Report - S. Roberts-Committee will be kicking off its "Belonging Series". The first episode celebrates Hispanic Heritage at LFNO with Cassandra Sanchez (LFNO Board member) and Angela Ramirez (LFNO parent). Video episode will be shared on the school's social media sites. Next episode will celebrate LFNO's Jewish community. Next committee meeting will be held on Nov 18th.

VII. New Business & Action Items-none

VIII. General Public Comment Period- Shearon reads general public comments into the record. Members of the public encourage offering incentives to increase hiring in SPED department. Requests that Danielle share the

latest student enrollment count with the public. Members seek clarity regarding the decision communicated by school leadership to postpone French government accreditation for 11th and 12th grades. Danielle- says questions regarding accreditation and Bacc will be addressed in Academic Cafe. She will include the enrollment count in the CEO reports for all to review. The school has offered incentives for hiring ESS staff and have looked into contracting these services as well.

- IX. Remarks from Board Members-Ann, David, Keith request that all (especially Board members) attend the High School Academics Cafe for more information on the schools decision to postpone French accreditation for 11th and 12th grades.
- X. Motion to Adjourn - M.Moreland
 - A. David moves, Ann seconds
 - B. Board comment-none
 - C. Public comment- Member requests that the board does not adjourn until clarification is made of issues raised by attendees. Matt restates that questions raised by public will be addressed in the High School Academic pathways cafe.
 - D. Motion passes unanimously
- XI. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm