



Dr. Shearon Roberts, chair (Present)
Matthew Moreland, vice chair (Present)
Stephen Sewell (Absent)
Cassandra Sanchez (Present)
Geri Robinson (Present)
Khrista McCarden (Absent)
Leandro Fukushima Freitas (Absent)
Franklin Enrique Garcia (Present)
Courtney Elzey (Present)
Kimberly Kupresan (Present)
David Theard (Absent)

Keith Bartlett, ExOfficio (Present)
Dr. Chase McLaurin, ExOfficio (Present)

Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orleans
Tuesday, January 7, 2023 from 5:30PM – 6:30 PM
Priestley Campus (In-Person Meeting)
1601 Leonidas Street, New Orleans, LA 70118
Community Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Cassandra Sanchez

A. Motion to approve minutes of November 15, 2022 general board meeting CS

- a. **Motion-Matthew Moreland**
- b. **Seconded- Franklin Enrique Garcia**
- c. **Passes Unanimously**

2. LFNO Fiscal Presentation Part A

Dr. Chase McLaurin

B. Motion to Approve Recommended Organizational Fiscal Restructuring Plan

- a. **Motion- [Matthew Moreland](#)**
- b. **Seconded- Courtney Elzey**
- c. **Passes Unanimously**

3. LFNO Fiscal Presentation Part B

Dr. Chase McLaurin

C. Motion to Approve Recommended Recurring Services Restructuring Plan

- a. **Motion- [Matthew Moreland](#)**
- b. **Seconded- Courtney Elzey**
- c. **Public Comment**
 - i. **Melanie Robinson- Difference between cost extending to 6/7 grade versus current policy**
 - 1. **Athletics and aftercare: What is the difference going to be**

in athletics? Staff will have to carry weight of dual roles, costs of staffing/athletics

2. Plan for this decision

- ii. Max- transportation issues
- iii. Christen Castillo- Athletics
- iv. Tamika McDonald- regarding vision of security
- v. Rebecca Salvado- issues with security
- vi. Victoria Valencia- Itemized plan so parents can make plans to subsidize these measures
- vii. Paula- consider keeping the status quo for another year- more time to figure out the issue
- viii. Tomas Rey- Drastic changes are needed however- line items needed
- ix. Danielle Mcquire-

Geri Robinson- How many students will be impacted

107 kids impacted riding the bus

low income students: 19

Enrique: Itemized list needed to view specific reductions

Courtney: Itemized list needed- cuts aftercare and athletics; security plan- 1 security guard;

Keith- What attrition rate is currently being used? No attritions

Enrique: Standard security staffing numbers? Schedule for where SRO would be placed

Matt, Courtney, Enrique, Geri, Kimberly- Yes

Cassandra- No

Chair, Shearon Roberts- Left 6:33 pm

4. Transportation Policy Dr. Chase McLaurin

D. Motion to Approve Transportation Policy

d. Motion- Courtney Elzey

e. Seconded- [Cassandra Sanchez](#)

Geri Robinson- How can parents supplement for other students?

Hardship Process- How does this affect our economically disadvantaged students?

Enrique- What are the safety procedures?

Matthew Moreland- Changes to Transportation Policy

Enrique- Possibility of purchasing busses and transportation vendors; worst case scenario: work with current vendor- work with parents for new routes within a month; financial changes within a month

Public Comments:

Rebecca Salvado: Negative domino effect will be created based on the actions of the board; kids are not supported within transportation, aftercare, athletics

Max: lengthy presentation november, working plan for purchasing busses- has not even been approved for financing. consolidating routes, centralized pick ups, paid service

Evangeline Campion- Current student; Student Council, opposes transportation

Jessica Lowe- westbank parent, would not be able to get students to school, would be affected by transportation

Eloisha Gelin- Current student, rides bus with younger siblings, k-12th family, vp student council

**Suzette Wilkinson- Grant for buses questions regarding availability of grant
Will we save money when compared with the student population we will lose?**

Melanie Robinson- how many students of the 81 would be riding and would we still get the desired effects on the budget?

Victoria Valencia- this could be a deal breaker for many families- unreasonable to ask- safety concerns for weather days

Tamika McDonald- Cost savings concerns, safety concerns, curriculum concerns

Paula- Notes of finance committee and where those topics from that meeting went

Kristen Castillo- Parent guided bus system, inclusive opinions on how to make this work, where has this involvement been on this topic?

Carolyn Champion- Has a survey of parents who would leave if buses were removed been done?

Board Questions:

[Matthew Moreland](#)- Grant for buses, is anyone else eligible for application? not eligible to apply until LFNO owns buses in house

Enrique: Have we done any studies on owning buses? Safety? Parental Input?

Courtney- What is the final date to make this decision? April 18th, deadline documentation Feb. 18th

Kimberly- give time to establish better communication between schools and parents

1- Kimberly- in favor

4- against

5. Public Comments Period

Rodney Pierre- Recommendation of a Marching band so LFNO students could march in Mardi Gras Parades

Max- more financial topics that need to be tackled within general board meeting in order to tackle budget and transportation issues

Tamika- academic concerns k-2

Reyes- more issues that need to be addressed

Suzette Wilkinson- survey if students wouldn't come to lycee without transportation.

Eric House-Lots of charter schools without buses, no public schools, in house buses; fundraising questions

Laurence Rebor-

Board Comment:

Geri Robinson- Solutions that could be used for all students

Cassandra- PTO, PTA

Enrique- Band together

[Matthew Moreland](#)- Thank you for all being out here.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

6. Meeting Adjourn Dr. Shearon Roberts

5. Meeting Adjourn

Dr. Shearon Roberts