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**LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS**

A Free and Public Accredited French School

Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors of Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
Secondary Campus: 1601 Leonidas Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94473757518?pwd=at3b6qYNvdaTpw0Zm7VhyooTsYPdAf.1>

Password: LFNO

1. Open Meeting & Roll Call: 5:30 PM Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
Meeting called to order at approximately 5:48.
2. Approve minutes from January 23, 2025 meeting Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson
 - a. Moved Geri Robinson
 - b. Second Dr. Kennedy
 - c. Public Comment - No Public Comment
 - d. Passed unanimously
3. Consideration and Approval of Superintendent/CEO Contract Renewal Mr. Henry

Move Robinson
Second Second

 - a. Public Comment - Parent () spoke on behalf of Scott Mackey -regarding Nurses and other options
-Paul Agostino - believe change in leadership is long overdue Spend overflow of effective and talented teachers.
Griselle Suazo- Students have attended since Prek4, believes the board should look at the entire picture and reconsider contract renewal
Samantha Capak - on behalf of parents - stating over-exploitation of teachers and no English teachers for students, fears retaliation against students - Comment Strike - Cannot speak on behalf of parents (C. Hudson as of 3/26/2025)
Andrea Masterman - Student was in Sam Fick's class, the student's class recently had an English teacher. Parent stated the student is no longer happy and would like to leave LFNO.
Amy George-Senior student-Asks that the board does evaluation on the CEO. When is the CEO evaluated? Loss of many administrators should concern all. Request to table Contract Renewal until the evaluation is done.
Daneilla Santoro-
Susan Juarez Casteneda - Parents are left behind. Daughter 12th grader and son 8th grader. States school does not feel like home, will pull 8th grader and was afraid to speak due to retaliation, but spoke for those who are afraid to.

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Barbara Penn Provo - 3rd grade parent- IEP for students was not put into action. Expressed to several administrators. Ms. Moses gave positive information regarding the situation. 2 of the 3 paraprofessionals were promoted to other positions, but no plan was put in place. No Continuity, no plan put into place. Hoping school does not close within a year or 2.

Matt Diaz- LPFI -deeply concerned about enrollment - loss of students, 40+ teachers have left. Asking the board to identify the root cause of issues.

Helen Coello -Concerned about changes. No English in Kindergarten, concerned about no English teachers and standardized testing. Pikmykid

Holly Martin - student in 3rd grade - Concerned about change in immersion curriculum. Signed up for full immersion without notice or a vote from parents. Does not understand the loss of teachers.

Caitlyn Iacono - transferred students 3rd and K from Lycee to another French immersion school. Change in curriculum is a concern. Changes were not openly communicated and received a Cease and Desist from Dr. McLaurin.

Sarah Schambach- 6th grade student has been here since pre-k- Students do not have a real teacher- substitute teacher. Teachers are spread thin, No Nurse, No Counselor. Very concerned.

Alex Peacock- Concerned about leadership and mismanagement. Contract must be renewed. A report and documents were shared with the board.

Nathalie Dubois- thinks that there should not be a change in leadership and supports the current leadership, like the majority of parents do.

Kim Singletary - 9th grader - student since Kindergarten. Concerned about morale, leadership. Ask what success means to us.

Open for board discussion:

C. Hudson - justified concerns. Many other things that run a charter school.

G. Robinson - board does receive positive feedback from other parents.

C. Hudson curriculum clear up

Dr. McLaurin - adjustments made to the curriculum. Applauded by CODOFIL, incorporating Full immersion.

Tatiana Begault - thanking families, especially Latino parents, for coming 80/20 ratio. Employee retention, do we have data?

Move - Elzy

Second- Robinson

Passed unanimously

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4. Consideration and Approval of the Settlement Agreement with St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church regarding the Patton Campus Lease, Mr. Henry/Dr. McLaurin
Break the lease agreement
Move - C. Elzy
Second - M. Kennedy
Passed unanimously
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Board Comment
 5. Consideration and Approval of the Non-Material Amendment for name change from Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans to Lycée International de Louisiane Dr. McLaurin
Amend to Lycee Francais International de Louisiane.
Move: G. Robinson
Second: T. Begault
 - a. Public Comment
Matthew Diaz -
Moved to modify to Lycee Francais International de la Louisiane

G- Robinson Moved to modify school name change to Lycee Francais International de la Louisiane
Passed unanimously
 - b. Board Comment
 6. Finance Update (Presentation) Mr. Munchak
-Mr. Munchak not present. Dr. McLaurin stated that we are \$400,000 behind last year. Mr. Munchak agrees that this is similar to when we had a surplus last year.
 7. Amis Update Dr. Normann
 8. Adjourn Meeting Mrs. Sanchez-Hudson

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm