

Academie Lafayette
Board of Director's Meeting
March 20, 2017

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Chad Phillips, President
Jon Otto, Vice President
Harriet Plowman
Pam Gard
Crissy Dastrup
Sheila Dougherty
Tracey Lewis
Marvin Lyman

Staff Present:

Elimane Mbengue
Leslie Houfaidi
Jacque Lane
Sarah Guthrie
Jean Claude Diatta
Marcia Berry

Approval of Agenda

Chad Phillips presented the agenda for approval with revisions.

Motion

Chad Phillips moved to accept the agenda with the revision of including a Development Report. Jon Otto seconded. Board **VOTED** to approve.

Approval of Minutes

Chad Phillips asked for approval of minutes. Board members present approved with one abstention.

Governance Report – Jon Otto

- By-laws are to be reviewed
- Strategic Planning Update provided
- Nominations Committee established to fill current board openings as well as possible openings. A meeting has been held and upcoming meetings are continuing to discuss possible recommendations. Discussion.

Finance Report – Jacque Lane

- Accounts Payable Report
February Accounts Payable Report was presented for approval.
Motion
Harriet Plowman moved to approve the accounts payable report as presented. Chad Phillips seconded. Board **VOTED** to approve.
- Budget Cuts
Chad Phillips reported that UCM and MPCSA do not have any information regarding the Federal budget cuts to education funding. Discussion followed.

Chad Phillips discussed the current charter school law and its future funding issues based on analysis from accounting firm Westbrook & Co. and MCPSCA.

It was discussed that Académie Lafayette and other charter schools need a stronger lobbying effort in the Missouri legislature. Crissy Dastrup will work with Chad Phillips to encourage more schools to attend the May charter school conference.

Discussed that MPCA and KCPS meet about possibly raising the mill levy.

- Preliminary Budget 2016-2017
Jacque Lane provided an extensive overview of the preliminary budget for 2016-2017 utilizing a power point presentation. She commented that we are starting out with less funds than other charter schools and continued by providing details re: data comparisons of KC charters; estimated revenue; WADA actual/budget; summer school WADA; summer school impact on weighted ADA; Student counts for 2016-17 and the 2017-18 budget impact of non-state revenues; fundraising impact on revenue; estimated expenses, salaries and changes throughout the years; impact of health insurance; student growth; and goals.

Discussion on the possibility of cutting summer school buses and regular school year door to door busing and begin corner pick ups was held. The group was informed that this would be discussed with parents before making any decisions re: transportation cuts.

Development Report – Sarah Guthrie

- Annual Fund report provided and thank you to Crissy Dastrup, Pam Gard and Sheila Dougherty for writing thank you notes to donors.
- Report of capital campaign gifts and pledges presented
- Fund-a-Need auction at EIP to include science equipment, textbooks, and other materials – goal is \$437,000.
- Musketeer March jog-a-thon information provided.

- Partnership with Research Medical Center, Brookside Campus and report of how much in medical supplies, fitness classes offered to AL staff and health club memberships for staff benefited the school was given.
- Growth Plan discussed and board was informed that foundation meetings have been arranged with substantial foundations.

Open Meeting Adjourned

Chad Phillips moved to go out of Open session at 7:28 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss real estate. Pam Gard seconded.

Roll call vote taken

Chad Phillips	Yes
Jon Otto	Yes
Harriet Plowman	Yes
Pam Gard	Yes
Crissy Dastrup	Yes
Sheila Dougherty	Yes
Tracey Lewis	Yes
Marvin Lyman	Yes

Closed session ended at 9:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Resumed at 9:05 p.m.

Head of School Report

- IB MYP application will be submitted by next Thursday.
- NWEA testing will start next week.
- MAP test will start on April 24. An auditor will be present to observe the MAP testing.
- Teacher intent to return forms is being received by teachers.
- Expansion – architectural drawings presented for review and discussion. Also, the timeline for construction was discussed. The scheduled start date is April 24th, which was during MAP testing; therefore, the start date will be changed.
- Enrollment information provided and there were a total of 308 applicants and a breakdown of ethnicity was also presented.
- Meetings are to be held with foundations to discuss additional funding for expansion.
- Visited a school in Portland to discuss their IB program and provided information gained.
- Mentioned that IFF is working with Académie Lafayette to look at facility needs as part of our work with Smart Schools KC.

Open meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

