



Living School

Minutes

Living School Committee & Board Meetings

Date and Time

Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

Living School
6003 Bullard Ave, Ste. 16
New Orleans, LA 70128

All are welcome at Living School Board Meetings. Translation is available with 24 hours notice.

Public comment is welcome on any item on the agenda. At the end of each agenda item, there will be a time for public comment. Members of the public wishing to comment on any agenda item, may raise their hand at this designated time and be recognized by the Chair to speak for up to 2 minutes per person, per agenda item. On any matter up for a vote, public comment must be heard prior to taking the Board's vote.

For members of the public wishing to address the Board for longer than 2 minutes on any given agenda item, please give the Chair at least 24 hours notice to be added to the agenda. We will strive to accommodate longer items but cannot guarantee room on a given meeting's agenda.

Directors Present

A. Medley, C. Smith, D. Cager, D. Lister, D. Smith (remote), K. Mutepfa (remote), M. Davis, M. Lehnherr, R. Ashmore

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Winzy, D. Armstead (remote), D. Jackson, M. Dunn (remote), Naimika DeJean, S. Pasternak

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Lehnherr called a meeting of the board of directors of Living School to order on Tuesday Sep 12, 2023 at 6:07 PM.

C. Approve Board Meeting Agenda

R. Ashmore made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as posted.

M. Davis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

M. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-08-23.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Committee Meetings

A. Finance & Development Committee Meeting

Discussion about current tight budget and likely shortfall given low enrollment.

Mike, Mark, & Stefin will meet to bring an updated budget proposal to November meeting (draft to be sent in October). This will include updating 5 year budget projections.

In the meantime, any spending outside of current budget will be consulted with Mike and Mark before approving.

B. Academic & Culture Committee Meeting

1. Review [Data Dashboard](#) with Ashona Winzy

1. Overview of academic data (STAR correlated to LEAP) - reading and math
2. Discussion of action steps: interventions, tutoring, teacher coaching/support
3. Discussion of tutoring
4. Discussion of parental engagement strategies to support school strategies
5. Funding: \$75k funds for afterschool programming

2. Other
 1. Monthly cultural event
 2. Monthly events for staff and students
3. Family Council
 1. Currently being formed - first meeting in November
4. Continue to work on CEO Evaluation process & metrics with Mandi Lehnherr & Whitney Dickerson
5. Review Comprehensive Renewal Documents from NOLA-PS (attached)

III. Discussion Items

A. Committee Reports

B. 22-23 Board Assessment

Skipped until next meeting

C. NOLA-PS Renewal Process

Stefin reviewed the standards for renewal and the process we will be going through over the next 2 months.

Board is urged to be in attendance at 10/17 Public Hearing.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Lehnherr