

International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location

1400 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130

The mission of the International School of Louisiana is to provide a challenging education emphasizing language immersion, international awareness, the celebration of diversity and community responsibility.

Trustees Present

F. Smith, H. Rodgers iv, L. Muetzel, M. Correa, Y. Zaitseva McCloskey

Trustees Absent

C. Rice, G. Ligon, H. Kirk, M. Alexander

Guests Present

Alex DeLarge, Courtney Thirsty, D. Rowland, I. Staff, Jennifer Himel, K. Cochran, M. Tennyson, S. Chapman, Tamara Prosper

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Rodgers iv called a meeting of the board of trustees of International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday Apr 10, 2019 at 6:03 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Approve minutes

A. February 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Y. Zaitseva McCloskey made a motion to approve minutes from the February 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting on 02-20-19 February 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting on 02-20-19.

F. Smith seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve February 18, 2019 Strategic Planning Committee Minutes

Y. Zaitseva McCloskey made a motion to approve minutes from the February 2019 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 02-18-19 February 2019 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 02-18-19.

F. Smith seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve 03-12-2019 Finance Committee Minutes

Y. Zaitseva McCloskey made a motion to approve minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting on 03-12-19 Finance Committee Meeting on 03-12-19.

F. Smith seconded the motion.

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

III. New section

A. Investment Policy Approval

L. Muetzel made a motion to Action Item- Approve 2 restricted accounts (employee benefits in case of catastrophe & facilities expansion) governed by the investment policy to be reviewed annually No public Comment.

M. Correa seconded the motion.

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

IV. Head of School Report

A. HOS Report

- April 15-19: Spring Break
- ISL will sponsor a tent at the May 7th Wednesdays at the Square for “Get Down and GiveNOLA”, a special event promoting GiveNOLA day. The public is invited to attend.
- May 7: Give NOLA fundraising campaign (#supportISL)
- May 9th Family Fun Night for all 3 campuses

Academics

Stable current enrollment: 1,380

ISL was awarded \$20,000 from NSNO to support Eureka Math instruction

LEAP testing to begin April 25th: Grade 3 and 4 will take a paper-based test this year; 5-8 will take the computer-based test

Student Intent to retain letters were sent home and meeting were held with families who responded to our request to schedule a time

Operations

Employment agreements for all staff will be distributed on May 1. All employees will receive a base 2% increase, and the school will absorb an estimated 23% increase in health insurance premiums to individuals. An additional pay raise to teachers will be made if the state budget is passed and includes the dollars currently being discussed within the MFP

HOS Office

OPSB Facilities team met with ISL Administration to discuss long term possibilities for an expansion at the Uptown Campus

A family Engagement Advisory Group made up of employees and parents from all 3 campuses who will work together to provide feedback on the next year's school-organized events and our Family-School compact. Anyone interested is welcome to join and can email Susan Chapman for information. The first meeting is planned on April 23rd at 6:00 pm.

V. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Alex DeLarge (parent)- Safety concern but feedback received from administration

Tamara Prosper (parent) - Request for PTO/family involvement

Courtney Thirsty (parent)- concerned about staff retention and transparency

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Muetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Y. Zaitseva McCloskey seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. Smith