

International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Location

Camp Street

Trustees Present

B. Griffin, B. Richard-Montgomery, C. Reed, D. Drucker, D. Wilson, J. Wettermark, M. Pedalino, V. Diaz

Trustees Absent

D. Bordson-Bozzo, M. Lappa

Guests Present

Adierah Berger, Ana Espiritu, Chislaine Camey, Jairo Maldenade, Karla Cochran, Laura Adelman Cannon, Melanie Tennyson, Melissa Boudreaux, Rosa Alvarado, Susan Chapman, Tracy Shields

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Wilson called a meeting of the board of trustees of International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday Oct 29, 2014 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

B. Richard-Montgomery made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-24-14 Board Meeting on 09-24-14.

M. Pedalino seconded the motion.

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

D.

Approve Minutes

C. Reed made a motion to approve minutes from the Meeting on 10-20-14 Special Board Meeting on 10-20-14.

M. Pedalino seconded the motion.

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

E. Acceptance of the Committee Reports

B. Griffin made a motion to approve minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 10-27-14 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 10-27-14.

B. Richard-Montgomery seconded the motion.

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

F. Board President's Comments

Mrs. Wilson congratulated ISL administration, staff and teachers on the rating they received. She is very proud to be a part of this organization and commends everyone on their outstanding ratings.

G. Acceptance of Committee Reports

B. Griffin made a motion to approve minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting on 10-28-14 Finance Committee Meeting on 10-28-14.

J. Wettermark seconded the motion.

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

II. Other Business

A. Open Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. Q & A With Head of School

Mrs. Tennyson congratulated Mrs. Berger for her hard work at the Bunche campus with a 7points gain, bringing their score to 83.5. The Camp St. and Olivier St., has been identified as a "Top Gains School", gaining 9 points. DELF pass rate, 100 percent. DELE was lower, there will be more emphasis on formal writing in Spanish. Finance Dir., Tracy Shields, is rebuilding the Finance Dept. and will hire several new employees. Mrs. Tennyson has terminated three employees and hired several new employees. The total number of ISL employees is 213. Jefferson Parish has allocated money for our IT department. The mandatory, on line, ethics training will come soon for all ISL employees as well as all members of the Board of Trustees. Human Capitol Dept. will streamline the payroll with a new payroll system. Mrs. Laura Cannon, Curriculum Dir., attended the International Immersion Conference at Univ. of Utah., where she presented twice. ISL was guest of the Embassy of France.

C.

Final Gala Report and Global Appeals Status

Dir. of Development, Karla Cochran, used 8 goals to increase the Gala profit margin. This year, showed a 29 percent improvement over last year with a profit of \$31,278. The Gala will be followed by the Annual Campaign.

D. Open Public Comment

Mr. Pedalino complimented Principal of Bunch campus, Mrs. Berger, on the calm response to the fire incident. Mrs. Griffin introduced Mr. Howard Rogers, a potential member of the Board of Trustees.

III. Facilities

A. Facilities - Update

Ms. Le has hired a full time employee for the Olivier campus and is moving other employees around and anticipates hiring more, full time workers. Scott Drego, from RSD, said that ISL is back on the docket for the RSD school renovation that includes 19 major items, such as chillers, windows to be replaced or repaired, wooden doors to be replaced or repaired, sprinkler system installed, electrical work to increase the load capacities, and exterior repair. Mrs. Tennyson will forward enrollment projections. In about two years, we will outgrow our current space and she sees various options on the table: to share a facility with another school, share space at a college or university, add to the Camp St. building, find another building to renovate, or build a new school. Mrs. Tennyson has attended a workshop on how to finance a school renovation with community tax credits and block grants.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

B. Richard-Montgomery made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:03pm.

M. Pedalino 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 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Griffin