

Audubon Charter School PTO Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

Minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report – Ms. Janice told the group school ends tomorrow (June 3). She said this hasn't been an easy year, but it has been successful. 100% of 8th graders and 90% of 4th graders passed the LEAP test. She thanked all the parents for their efforts.

She reported that the teachers would have their last day of the 2007-08 school year on June 3 and the Administration would end the school year on June 13. The Administrative team will return to school on July 15. Students return to school on August 13th. Kindergarten starts on August 21st.

Ms. Dawn reported that one teacher representative will be chosen from each campus and she is working on this.

Madame Kellerman was not present to give her report.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Wendel passed out the budgets to the group and went over all line items. He said all items were within budget except two. He reported that the French 5th grade class did not need their \$1000 emergency budget for their trip to France. Additionally, they had an excess of \$759.75 that went unused on the France trip and they agreed to donate this amount to next year's French 5th grade class for their trip.

Introduction of New Board Members – new Board members were introduced to the group.

Report from 07-08 Committees –

Rarebird Committee – Leila D'Aquin passed around a survey on the Rarebird that was given out to parents and also available on the Rarebird site. She reported input from about 100 parents. She is still compiling data. Issues discussed included letting the kids do more of the writing, adding a sports beat, more photography, etc. Committee asked if there was a summer mailing on which they could piggyback an issue of the Rarebird. Ms. Janice said there is no such mailing this year. This concluded the special committee for the Rarebird.

Aftercare Committee – The committee submitted a grant request for a student from Tulane to write a manual. They are still waiting for approval. Also discussed was instituting computer sign in for next year. Two computers were donated for this purpose.

The Aftercare Committee was a committee put together outside the bylaws to do an analysis of procedures in the '07-'08 school year. Officially, the Committee should wrap up their work on the last day of the year but there was discussion of extending the Committee's work into next year.

Someone made a motion to make the Committee and standing committee, but the motion was not voted on, as it was not an agenda item.

Review and Clarification of Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs – There was a lengthy discussion of how many Committees and Committee Chairs there could be according to the current bylaws. Leila D'Aquin made a motion to form a special committee to review and the current Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and make recommendations for change.

The motion was seconded by Charlene and passed unanimously. Bill Wendel volunteered to head the committee.

2nd Grade French Classroom Assistant- Secret Mbaye, the French VP, reported that there are two 1st grade classes of 14 each that will probably be merged into one classroom. There is to be a meeting between Madame Leticia, the new French Director and Alicia Dupree to discuss actual number of returning students and whether a classroom assistant is necessary. The largest class currently is 25 or 26 students. Secret will continue to work with Madame Leticia on this issue. Monies might need to be found to pay for assistant. Ms. Janice reported that the school could no longer pay for assistants. Someone suggested passing the money through the FAME board. Secret said they are waiting on more concrete information and will advise the group as they find out more.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.