

French and Montessori Education, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting, December 16, 2006
Minutes

The meeting was called by Board Chairperson, Carlos Zervigon, and was publicized by posted notice at the school, notice on the school website, notice in the Rare Bird, and notice on the Rare Bird list serve.

Board members present: Janice Dupuy (Principal), Pierre Lebovics (Agenda Item V, only), Teddi Locke, Sarah Ottinger (Secretary), Edwin Shorty (Vice Chairperson), Laura Watts (Treasurer), Carlos Zervigon (Chairperson).

Board members excused: Karl Conner, Jill Otis.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 23, 2005, September 16, 2006, October 21, 2006, and November 18, 2006.

Motion: Teddi moved to approve the minutes of the above FAME Board of Directors Meetings. Laura seconded the motion.

Motion passed, unanimously: The voting members of the Board unanimously passed the motion.

II. Administration Report

Ms. Dawn reported that the mentoring program between middle school students and pre-K students is off and running. Middle school students played Santa and elf to pre-K students. Pre-K students will reciprocate and do something nice for middle school students during testing. In Addition, the students all enjoyed a joint science lesson learning about edible plants. Then the middle school students made salad for all involved.

Ms. Ellen explained that consistent with the Montessori curriculum, the joint science lesson provided an opportunity for different age groups to learn from one another.

With respect to both campuses, the E-rate wiring is now complete and will be fully operational in January, 2007.

Additional funding has become available for additional hiring. We should have a full-time certified librarian in January and we now have a full-time substitute

teacher. Additional hiring will include a library clerk, gifted teacher, reading specialist, and teaching assistant.

III. Budget Report

Laura reported that we are on track with our budget, that the audit is in process and will be completed by December 31, 2006 as required, and the budget committee is now gearing up for next year's budget.

IV. Election of 2007 Board Members

Carlos explained that Karl Connor and Jill Otis had submitted resignations as members of the Board. Jill Otis' resignation is attached.

Carlos submitted the recommendations of the Nominations Committee of the Board for 2007 Board membership. Those recommendations were as follows:

New members: Allen Miller, Gary Alan Wood, Cornelius Tilton, James Reiss, Ken Ducote, and Wynn Seeman.

Returning members: Teddi Locke, Carlos Zervigon, Pierre Lebovics.

Carlos noted that the parent representatives to the Board would be determined by the parents at their January, 2007 PTO meeting.

Motion: Carlos moved that the Board approve the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for the 2007 year, Laura seconded the motion.

Both Carlos and Teddi commented that they were very excited about the Board recommendations,

There was no public comment.

Motion passed, unanimously: The voting members of the Board unanimously passed the motion.

Edwin moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was briefly adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Edwin withdrew the motion to adjourn and the meeting continued.

V. Motion to Amend Bylaws

Motion: Edwin moved to place on the agenda a motion to amend the by-laws of the corporation regarding the fiscal year. Teddi seconded the motion.

Motion passed, unanimously: The voting members of the Board unanimously passed the motion.

Motion: Edwin moved to amend Article VIII, Section 4 of the by-laws, striking the current language and providing instead, “The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June.” Laura seconded the motion.

The purpose of the amendment was to bring the by-laws in agreement with FAME’s 501(c)(3) non-profit certification as well as current practice of the Board.

Motion passed, unanimously: The voting members of the Board unanimously passed the motion.

Edwin moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.