

**French and Montessori Education, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting, August 18th, 2007**  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called by Carlos Zervigon, and was publicized by posted notice at the school, notice on the school website, notice in the Rare Bird newsletter, and notice on the Rare Bird list service. The meeting was held in the cafeteria at Audubon's Broadway campus, 428 Broadway Ave., New Orleans.

Board members present: Ken Ducote, Edwin Shorty Jr. (Vice Chairman), Teddy Locke, Wynn Seeman, James Reiss (Secretary), Allen Miller, Gary Allen Wood, and Carlos Zervigon (Chairman).

Board members excused: Laura Watts (Treasurer) and Rev. Cornelius Tilton

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

Attachments:

Agenda

Minutes for the June 16th, 2007 meeting of the Board

**1. Approval of June Minutes:**

**Motion:** Gary moved to approve the May minutes. Wynn seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Administration report:**

Please see attachment. Janice began the Administrator's report by informing the board that Hynes elementary has vacated the Carrollton campus. Janice discussed all of the hard work that has gone into getting the school ready to be opened. Ellen highlighted the achievements of school faculty who had participated in summer training and informed the board of the arrival of new materials for French and Montessori programs. Janice informed the board that all 260 students on Carrollton campus were present for the first day of class.

Edwin asked how many teachers are still left to be certified by the American Montessori Institute, and was informed that by 2008 all teachers will be certified.

Mme Kellerman informed the board that the French classrooms are ready to receive students and that the new Consul and his family are arriving from France next week and both of his children will be enrolled at ACS.

**3. Update on Status of Federal Restart Money:**

Carlos updated board on the third allocation of Federal Restart monies which are designed to fund the repairs of any physical damage created by hurricane Katrina. Carlos discussed the Charter Schools relationship with OPPS board and that 70% of OP school children are enrolled in Charter Schools for the 2007/ 2008 year. Despite this fact, the

OPSB Budget Committee voted to keep the entire allocation and not distribute it to any charter schools. When this recommendation came up for approval at a regular business meeting of the Orleans Parish School Board, the board moved to postpone the vote due to the large turn out of charter school leaders in opposition to the move. Carlos and the administration will continue to follow the progress of the federal restart money allocation and will update the FAME board at our next meeting.

#### **4. ACS LEAP Performance:**

Carlos discussed ACS student's outstanding performance on LEAP test as was indicated by a recent article in the Times Picayune.

Teddy congratulated the entire Administration, faculty, students and parents on the great results.

#### **5. Official thank you to Pierre Lebovics:**

Carlos shared the Audubon community's thank you letter to Pierre with the board and described Pierre's service to ACS.

**Motion:** Wayne moved to accept the letter on behalf of the board and to look into a possible plaque or memento to give Pierre in addition to the letter. Teddy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Dear Pierre,

It is with the deepest sense of gratitude that we, of the Audubon Charter School community, express our thanks.

After Katrina and the flooding that followed, when the superintendent announced that Audubon would never reopen, you were among the first to commit to saving our school. Your support and advocacy were indispensable to our successful effort to save Audubon. And even after Audubon reopened, you were always there for us when we needed you. Indeed, your work throughout the city during our recovery has been of enormous importance to us in New Orleans.

As you continue on your life journey, we wish you the greatest success in your future endeavors. Where ever in the world you may find yourself, remember that you have friends in New Orleans. We are forever in your debt.

With fondest regards,

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Carlos Zervigón  
Chairman of the Board

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Janice Dupuy  
Principal/CEO

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Marie-Claude Kellermann  
Directrice de L'école

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Tina Felix  
PTO President

At 10:40am Carlos moved to adjourn the meeting. James seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.