
Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Notre Ecole was held 11/9/2018 at 5:30pm.

Attendees:

Michele Chalmeau
Jean Noel Kouame
Philip Barnes
Romain Lorentz
Salah Boulakbeche

Regrets:

Anne Adabra
Elizabeth Chaigne
Yves Luc Apyl Akpata

Documents

Addendum to Bylaws – Conflict of Interest

Business

-Building search – There are a couple of leads but there are zoning issues to work around. There is going to be a vote on Nov. 29th by the city of Bloomington to change the zoning, which allows industrial buildings to become more flexible. Some one should attend this meeting.

-Michele wrote a letter to Londell (Bloomington city planner) and is working with Stephane Cattelin and Michael Murphy (real estate agents) to advocate for Bloomington's rezoning.

- Michele explained the grants that have been submitted: CSP Grant, FACE Dual Language Fund, and is working to submit the grant for Otto Bremmer Trust. Jean Noel will review the financial part of the Otto Bremmer Trust grant. We will most likely know about the CSP Grant in December. The new round of CSP grants starts in January.

-Everyone needs to participate in the research of Grants and help in writing them. An estimated \$200,000 is needed to open and the lease aid will take care of the majority of the building's rent.

- Philip went to the Charter School Bootcamp in October. They discussed the lease aid. The lease aid is lower number of either 90% of the building's rent or \$1,314 x the number of students. Reasonable priced buildings are considered around \$15 or \$16/sqf. Possibly up to

\$20 with good reason. The application for lease aid is typically submitted in April for approval in July and then funded in September.

-ELL and ESL? – Does an immersion school need ESL and/ELL services for the younger grades if they are only taught in French? We think yes but do not have a clear answer. Philip forwarded the contact from MDE to Michele to get a clear answer.

-Elizabeth is going to the Charter School Bootcamp in November someone will need to represent Notre Ecole in December.

-Jerome took over the creation of the website from Amber. Something simple needs to be made for now so that Notre Ecole is visible. Details about the school can be added later.

-Minutes from 9/24/2018 were read and Philip moved to approve the minutes at 6:30 and Romain seconded it. All approved

- Romain moved to approve the addendum to the bylaws - Conflict of Interest. and Jean-Noel seconded. All approved.

-Michele explained her trip to DC for the Dual Language Seminar – support by the French government, grants and opportunities given. The French government wants to grow French language programs in the US and wants to strengthen French immersion teachers in the US. A lot of connections were made with other French Immersion Schools and many resources shared.

- There will be a vote by email about Notre Ecole's school logo by email.

-Other members names need to be added to Notre Ecole's bank account. Salah and Jean Noel will be adding their names. They will meet with Michele sometime after Thanksgiving at the bank to get their names added to the account.

- Jean Noel will need to register Notre Ecole as a vendor with SWIFT. Michele will email a reminder. Jean-Noel and Salah will work together and check with the State of MN on the details

Adjournment

President called for a vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned on 11/9/2018 at 7:30 pm

