

NOTRE ECOLE

Board meeting minutes: January 25th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by Romain Lorentz.

Board Members, present: Romain Lorentz, Jean-Christophe Ricaud, Martine Laroche, Mamady Konneh, Jean-Noël Kouame, Michele Chalmeau (ex-officio), Vanessa Hendrikson (ex-officio)

Board members absent: Cheryl Field, Erica Barnes, Rashid Massie Jr.

Announcements:

None

Approval of the minutes of December 14, 2023 board meeting:

Motion to approve: Romain Lorentz

Second: Mamady Konneh

Abstain: Jean Noel Kouame

All in favor: Jean-Christophe Ricaud, Martine Laroche

December minutes were approved.

EDIAM designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)

Information listed on December 2023 board minutes.

Voted through email on 1/3/2024

Motion to approve: Romain Lorentz

Second: Jean-Christophe Ricaud

All in favor: Cheryl Field, Erica Barnes, Jean Noel Kouame

Motion was approved

READ Act

Minnesota Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act, known as the READ Act, was passed and signed into law by Governor Tim Walz on May 24, 2023. The goal of this legislation is to have every Minnesota child reading at or above grade level every year, beginning in kindergarten, and to support multilingual learner and students receiving special education services in achieving their individualized reading goals.

The READ Act replaces Read Well by Third Grade (RWBTG) and is in effect as of July, 1, 2023.

The READ ACT requires all teachers and instructional support staff with the responsibility for teaching reading to be trained on evidence-based reading instruction.

Districts will also need to use one of the two screeners approved by MDE.

Notre Ecole will need to purchase one of the screeners and the cost will have to be added to the 2024-2025 budget. The price of a screener is currently unknown but the co-coordinators have a meeting Jan 29th with one of the vendors to learn more.

Vote for teacher hire 2024-2025

The school coordinators have interviewed a qualified candidate who seems to be a great addition to the school staff. Karine Plouvier has been an Elementary teacher since 2002 in Belgium and holds a Bachelors degree in Education.

She will come with a J-1 visa through Amity.

A clause will be added to the teacher contract regarding a leave before the end of the J1.

Motion to approve: Jean Noel Kouame

Second: Jean-Christophe Ricaud

All in favor: Romain Lorentz, Martine Laroche, Mamady Konneh

Motion was unanimously approved

Committee reports (Marketing, Development, and Finance)

Financial:

Jean-Christophe Ricaud suggests to open a money market account to get some cash advance.

Money market accounts are offered by banks and credit unions and provide the benefits and features of both savings and checking accounts. They generally pay higher interest rates than regular savings accounts.

Jean Noel Kouame will look at different banks to check their rates.

Marketing:

None

Development

None

Co-coordinators reports

-Two interns arrived from France in January for 4 weeks in K and K/1. They are hosted by school Families.

-Open House on January 19th, approximately 10 families came to visit the school.

-1st priority enrollment closes on Jan 31. As of today, 26 students are pre-enrolled for Kindergarten

Motion to adjourn

Moved to approve motion to adjourn: Romain Lorentz

Second: Martine Laroche

Roll call: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.