

NOTRE ECOLE

French Immersion STEAM School

1/ Call to order

location & time : Chalmeau's house, 2921 Raleigh Ave S, Saint Louis Park, 03/3/2019 @ 5pm

Board members present: Michele Chalmeau, Jean Noel Kouame, Anne Adabra, Romain Lorentz, Salah Boulakbeche, Elizabeth Chaigne, Yves Luc Apyl Akpata

Board members not present:

Philip Barnes

2/ Acceptance

minutes from: 11/9/2018

Motion: Romain Lorentz

Second by: Elizabeth Chaigne

result: Passed

Agenda of 3/3/2019

Motion: Anne Adabra

Second by: Jean Noel Kouame

result: Passed

3/ Public Input:

4/ Directors report:

5/ Old business

.Bootcamps: Anne, has been attending the Charter School Bootcamps at MDE. Emphasis was put on finding a building and setting up food service. There are a lot of boxes to check in order to open, and we need to complete these items early. Anne is going to attend the Bootcamp in March.

.Michele and Jean-Noel have finished and submitted the paperwork for the Bremer Otto Trust Grant. Michele has written the Letter of Intent for The Joyce Foundation Grant and Anne is currently reviewing it and making revisions. The proposal deadline for the Joyce Foundation Grant, is April, 10th. We did not receive the CSP Grant, however we have received the feedback. The comments from MDE were emailed out to all the board members. We need to make the corrections to prepare for the next round.

.Romain, is going to ask a former student, of a possibility of working with University students,

who are working on their Non-Profit management graduate program at St. Thomas, to help with researching and identifying grants for Notre École.

.Finding a building, within the correct zoning, in Bloomington, is difficult. The city of Bloomington voted against changing its zoning for school buildings and we are receiving resistance from the public schools in Bloomington. There is also the possibility of finding a landlord that is willing to volunteer and start the process of re-zoning with his or her own building, but this will be complicated and may still not get approved. We will continue to try to find a building within the correct zoning limits in Bloomington but the radius of our building search will expand to include: East of 35W, West of 494. For the moment Edina and Minnetonka are excluded.

.The previous building that we had visited in Bloomington is not within zoning. There is a church with an adjacent building for lease in Bloomington. It could be a good fit. It is not within zoning restrictions, however there is a church located there and it leads to some questions that the building may possibly have a special permit. This is to be investigated with the real estate agent. Jerome is taking this responsibility.

.Jerome took over the website design with help from Amber Wuollet. The link will be sent out to members to look over and make suggestions for changes.

.Jean Noel moved to approve the changed section (Article IV, section 5) of the bylaws – Meetings Conducted by Interactive TV. Salah seconded. All approved.

.Jean Noel and Michele completed the SWIFT Vendor registration online.

.Contact needs to be made with the Chamber of Commerce for French Innovation Week this spring. We are not ready to make a presentation but should be present at the event.

6/ New business

.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.

Set next meeting time: NONE

Motion to adjourn: 3/3/2019 at 6h40pm

