

Minutes of the Meeting held on April 27, 2023

Board members present: Ms. Dupree, Ms. Cager, Dr. Love, Mrs. Minor, Ms. London & Mr. Edwards. Absent-Mr. Stelly & Mrs. Roubion

Other guests: Mrs. Kelly Batiste (CEO), Mrs. Brenda Watson and Mrs. Gretchen Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mr. Edwards

Public comments regarding the agenda were called for by The Chair. Hearing none; a motion was called for by The Chair to adopt the agenda with one correction that the Business Managers report will be informed and not a vote. The motion was made by Ms. Dupree and seconded by Mrs. Minor. All in favor, with no oppositions. Motion carried unanimously.

Next public comments were called for regarding the adoption of the minutes of the last board meeting. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adopt the prior meeting's minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Minor and seconded by Dr. Love. All in favor, with no oppositions. Motion carried unanimously.

Next the CEO gave her report with the following being noted:

- Mrs. Batiste reminded Board Members to complete Tier 3 Financial Disclosures and send them directly to Ethics Board by May 15, 2023.
- Dr. Love indicated that if any Board Member had questions regarding the disclosure, they could call the state to obtain information as well as request copies of previous submissions.
- Mrs. Batiste updated the board on staffing, indicating that it is early and FCW has 8 new hires and most vacancies are filled ahead of schedule. Positions to be filled Clean Team, Paras for grade levels and Reflection Room Para.
- Mrs. Minor asked what does enrollment for 23-24 look like? Mrs. Batiste (441) which does not include PK. Total enrollment to date (481). 9 new enrollments have completed paperwork.
- End of Year Activities-Field Day April 28th, State Testing 6-8th grade begins week of May 1st and 3-5 grade the week of May 8th. Dad's Club Crawfish Boil May 12th.

Next, Ms. Watson gave her Business Manager's report with the following being noted:

- Statements have been sent out, if any questions on line items, call the office to discuss.
- All grants have been funded as of March 2023. Any expiring funds must be spent by September 2023. ESER by next year (July). We have received a grant from NSNO to forecast future of FCW.
- Mrs. Watson expressed that we live within our means.
- Mr. Edwards asked what are the projected numbers?
- Mrs. Watson's response was, we're working with NSNO to give forecast for 23-24 and 24-25 for solid numbers.
- Transportation in ESER funds
- Mrs. Minor asked about trending #'s lost and Mrs. Watson indicated that as per MFP count now we have 413 students and 441 is a big increase for next year. That enrollment count is more than what has been budgeted.

New Business

- No new business

Mrs. Batiste indicated that families are moving out of the parish to St. Bernard, St. Tammany and looking for other schools.

She then proposed June 15th as the next meeting, but June 8th looks good for most. Next will be 06/08/2023.

Public comments were called for by The Chair. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Dupree made the motion seconded by Mrs. London (6:58p.m.). A vote was then called for and the motion carried unanimously.