

Community Leaders Advocating Students Success (C.L.A.S.S.) ---d.b.a. Fannie C. Williams

Minutes of the Meeting held on April 17, 2025

Board members present: Mrs. Roubion, Dr. Love, Ms. Cager, Ms. Dupree, Mr. Edwards, Ms. London

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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. The motion was made by Mrs. Roubion and seconded by Mr. Edwards. All in favor, with no oppositions. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mrs. Batiste notified the board of receipt of a Level 2 Notice of Non Compliance from NOLA-PS regarding Special Education. Mrs. Batiste explained the actions the school took regarding a situation with a student. Board members advised on how to proceed going forward. The school must respond by early May.
- Mrs. Batiste reminded all board members to complete their Ethics Training and the Tier 3 Financial Disclosures by May 15th.
- Regarding staffing updates, we cannot accomplish any of our goals without people in front of our students. Good people are hard to find and we are continuously recruiting and trying to develop new people. If any board member is aware of anyone looking for a position, please reach out. We have 3 individuals retiring (Social Worker, Kdg. Para and Parent Engagement person-part-time position) and a 7/8 math teacher is needed. Our CIS site coordinator, which is a counselor, is interested in the social worker position, which is two different things, and we're trying to figure out what path to take with her. Should she come on, Dr. Love was asked if she would support her.
- Mrs. Batiste notified the board that a school level committee will be planning a 15-year Gala for next Spring. More details on how the board can support will be shared.

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

- Financial Statements as of March 2025 were available for the board for viewing, if any questions on line items, call the office to discuss. Net income 432,935.40. Total overall assets 7,127,515.46.
- Mrs. Watson indicated that the city approved the 10 million funding gap. NOLAPS will utilize its reserve to cover the gap for schools.
- The per pupil funding for schools will be trueed up in May. We have more kids this year than last and will expect a larger amount to be sent to the school.
- Mrs. Watson discussed the transportation contract. The current vendor submitted a new contract with a substantial increase. The school team will meet with the company to discuss the proposal.

- New Business-None

Mrs. Batiste then suggested to the board of the next meeting date of May 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. All agreed.

Public comments were called for by The Chair. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Cager made the motion seconded by Ms. Dupree (6:49 p.m.). A vote was then called for and the motion carried unanimously.