

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on August 21, 2025

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

Other guests: Mrs. Kelly Batiste (CEO), Mrs. Brenda Watson, Mrs. Gretchen Johnson, Mrs. C. Lewis, Miss Kamryn London

Meeting called to order at 6:22 p.m. by Mrs. Batiste

Mrs. Batiste called for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was made by Mrs. Roubion and seconded by Mr. Edwards. All in favor, with no opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

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 opposition. 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 Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. London. All in favor, with no opposition. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mrs. Batiste issued Charter Board Governance Forms to the board members to complete them and reminded them that it is due every year. Dates to include on form term start and end dates 07/01/2025-06/30/2026.
- The Pupil Progression Plan was not available but would be available at the next meeting to vote on for approval. Cornerstone Church is listed in our Crisis Plan (a copy was given to each board member) as a site in the event an evacuation is called or needed.
- Mrs. Batiste was pleased to announce that the media was on campus along with NOPS's Superintendent Dr. Fulmore, our school board representative Mrs. Eames, the 7<sup>th</sup> district police Commander, and other officers to greet the students on the first day of school. FCW was on the news and in the newspaper. It was favorable coverage.
- During today's NOPS board meeting, which Mrs. Batiste was unable to attend due to this schedule meeting, the board will be recognizing the top 10 schools with Mastery Growth. FCW was included in that top 10.
- To date our enrollment is 471 and the MFP count is 437. We have 37 openings with zero seats in PK. Our goal is 460.
- Mrs. Batiste mentioned that this is the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for FCW and is planning a Gala and for it to be successful, the assistance of each of the board members will be needed. Mrs. Batiste asked Mrs. Johnson to give a few details of what is being planned. She gave general information with more detailed information forthcoming.

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

- Budget to Actual was issued for viewing.
- Credit Card Journal for January through June 2025 was issued to board members for viewing. With Act 370 all transactions must be listed.
- The 2025-2026 budget must be voted on.
- The budget is based on 454 students -that is the number of students that were enrolled between 10/01/24-2/1/2025. We will meet our budget.
- This school year \$884,000 was for bus transportation, which was the second largest cost followed by benefits. This school's budget was O'd out. ESSER was used for tech.
- Retention bonuses were given, now only MFP funds are available.
- 2025-2026 will be a true year for the budget based on the number of students, there are no ESSER funds.
- Deferred funds given by the City of New Orleans. Paid based on last year's numbers.
- Some of our operating funds will be moved to Money Market. We average approximately \$34,00 year in interest based on 1 million. If 3 million is moved while the average is high, we could see more interest on our funds.
- There are restrictions on how to invest liquid funds (higher yield)
- New Business-None

Mrs. Batiste then suggested to the board the next meeting date October 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. All agreed.

Public comments were called for by The Chair. Hearing none, The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Love made the motion seconded by Ms. Cager (6:54 p.m.). A vote was then called for and the motion carried unanimously.