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NYFACS Board Meeting Minutes:

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date: August 18, 2021

Start Time: 6:30pm

Attendance:

Board Members	Staff Members	Family Members
Richard Ortoli Daniel Vos Mason Mallory Emmanuel Saint-Martin Kimberly Pizzutti, PTO President	Panayiotou Misk Hassan Marilyn Wang Mamadou Ba Lauren White Hawa Boyd Christine Larsen Bertrand Tchoumi Francesca Lujan Barthole Soukenya Diop	Mr. and Mrs. Chambers Dembele Mallory Ahondo Amelie Pellet-Sorret Anthonia Seriki-Tshimanga Darline Leontus Denize MacQuire Emma Perennes F Mejia Fatima Gia Chyrosostome Rolande

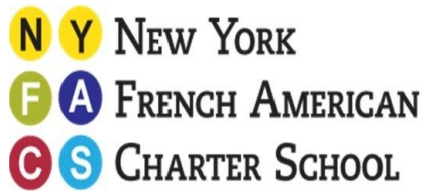
Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Ms. Francesca Lujan

Call to Order

1. PTO Updates and Parent Representative Questions:

New PTO Members announced and congratulated by Denize MacQuire, the outgoing President and the Chair, Richard Ortoli .

The New President said that the new PTO is preparing their new calendar. The new PTO will offer breakfast to our NYFACS community at 7:30. The NYCAS logo will be set up as a photo booth for families to take first day of school pictures.



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2. Motion to approve July Board Meeting Minutes

None Opposed.
Motion Passed.

3. Motion to amend and approve the August agenda.

None Opposed
Motion Passed.

4. Teacher Representative Updates

None

5. PTO Updates and Parent Representative Questions

6. Administrative Dashboard:

7.

The Principal gave his report, which is written and can be found [here](#).

Mamadou Ba , spoke on the Haitian earthquake and gave his condolences to the families who have relatives there.

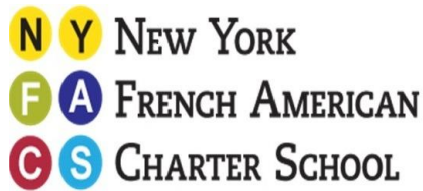
Mamadou spoke on our recruitment and outreach efforts at Harlem Night Out and in Harlem Week's Children Festival and other events.

He said that we had 295 students in June, we had 265 after some parents left. We have 5 new students this week, leaving us with 270 students. We are working with a new recruitment agency and we have 12 new leads as a result. We do not know if those parents will sign-up.

Mason asked if the new consultant had set-up meetings to go over their processes. Or, if they have been ad-hoc. Mamadou responded that we have been trained by them.

Mason asked if we are having monthly meetings, as per the agreement. He was assured that they had started.

Mamadou said that he is working on getting a cheaper uniform for parents. As of today, we have a new agreement with Cookies. He also said that he is working on a supply update for parents too.



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VP Lujan was asked to provide an update. So, I spoke about the PAL visit. I also spoke on the scheduling work to align the ES or MS schedules. The LT is also working with the Union to start and end the schedule at an earlier time.

We also spoke with HH about renting space from them.

8. Committee Updates

None.

Ms. Chambers asked the Board Chair about the lack of Committee reports. She also asked about the PTO having By-Laws. She has been writing inquiring about issues with the PTO and was told that the Board is separate from the PTO and does not have governance over it.

People began to dispute and Dan said “Lets not use this tone and have a separate meeting about it.” It was suggested repeatedly that the PTO, Board and the Chamber family meet separately.

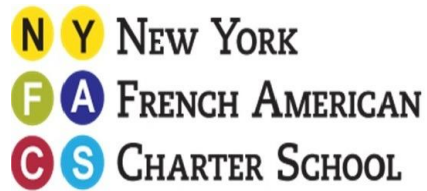
Mr. and Mrs. Chambers asked how members of the PTO and Board are elected. The Board offered to email the parents the by-laws of the Board and said that they need a new member, who represents educators.

Mr. Chambers asked for the PTO to share information about their By-Laws too, saying that they want to know what the responsibilities are for volunteers. Dan answered that all people on the call were volunteers and praised that.

Roro said that the issues seemed personal. The Chambers were requested to join a Board committee, where they are welcome.

A parent (Fatima) asked about our hygiene practices for children. Dr. Tchoumi said that he will ensure that we have all DOE & CDC recommendations, plus desk shields, air purifiers for all students. Our ventilation system was updated. Our students and staff will have to go through the health survey. He also said that our school will be sanitized professionally.

He also said we will have a meeting with parents on Thursday 6:00 PM and Friday 12:00 PM to go over health concerns.



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VP Lujan said that we are also working with PAL to get additional space for both buildings, increasing our ability to socially distance.

Amelie Pellet-Soret said that she does not believe that all meetings with admin and parents should not be scheduled for the Board and thanked our Leadership Team for inviting the parents to meet with us on Thursday and Friday.

9. Adjournment