



## **New Beginnings Schools Foundation Board Meeting**

November 17, 2016

5:30 pm

Lake Area New Tech Early College High School

6026 Paris Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of New Beginnings Schools Foundation was held on November 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm at 6026 Paris Avenue.

The following members were present:

#### **Present for the meeting were:**

Leslie Bouie  
Wanda Brooks  
Travis Chase  
Shelia Danzey  
Val Marshall  
Ashley Spears

#### **Absent from the meeting were:**

Raphael Gang  
Jill Sylvain  
Tamara Wyre  
Tracey Jackson  
Kathy Saloy

#### ***Adoption of Minutes***

The following changes were requested to be made to the minutes from the October 20, 2016 board meeting minutes:

- Board member Marshall requested the change to the motion referenced in the **Academic Excellence Committee** section. The motion should read as follows:  
Committee Chair Val Marshall referenced the 2016-2017 Pupil Progression Plan which had been presented by the CEO and made available for public review and moved that the plan be accepted by the board.
- Board President Bouie commented that the statement referencing **Governance Committee** meeting should read as follows: Committee Chair Ashley Spears reported that the committee met on October 12, 2016 to discuss revisions to bylaws, which will be voted upon at the November board meeting.
- Board member Danzey added that the statement should be modified to reference the specific year of the board meeting: Committee Chair Ashley Spears reported that the committee met

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**Voted:**

Chair Bouie called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2016 board meeting with the necessary corrections. The motion was made by Wanda Brooks and seconded by Kathy Saloy, Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

***Adoption of the Agenda***

**Voted:**

Chair Bouie called for a motion approve the agenda of the meeting. The motion was made by Val Marshall and seconded by Ashley Spears, Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

***Committee Reports***

**Academic Excellence Committee** – Committee Chair Val Marshall reported that the committee met on November 1, 2016. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Review of the academic organizational chart with the discussion that changes made to it will be driven by student data.
- Enrollment is down at the three pk-8 schools however enrollment at the high school has increased.
- The SPED review by DeutschKerrigan is in phase 1 and all areas are being reviewed to ensure compliance.
- The kindergarten classes are participating in the pilot for the new assessment, Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) which will replace the Developing Skills Checklist (DSC).

**Finance Committee** – Committee Chair Danzey stated that the committee items will all be addressed further along in the agenda.

***Presentations***

**Annual Audit Draft Report** – Al Tervalon from Bruno and Tervalon provided an update on the current status of the audit. The updates were as follows:

- The final draft is in the process of being completed.
- Using the procedures put in place by BESE and the legislative auditors, there were a few errors found in the PEP reporting. Bruno and Tervalon will provide recommendations to the staff to ensure this mistake is not repeated.

- A complete report should be ready by the next board meeting. This report can either be presented at the next finance committee meeting or board meeting.
- The report must be submitted by December 31, 2016.

**CEO Report** – NBSF CEO Michelle Blouin-Williams provided an update on the network:

- School report cards were received this morning. The three pk-8 schools had minimal growth and the high school had minimal decrease. All school letter grades remain the same.
- At Gentilly Terrace 44% of the students performed below the basic level in ELA and 61% performed below the basic level in Math.
- At Capdau 46% of the students performed below the basic level in ELA and 48% performed below the basic level in Math.
- At Nelson 58% of the students performed below the basic level in ELA and 70% performed below the basic level in Math.
- At Lake Area 5% of the students showed an increase of ACT scores 18 and higher. 2% of students showed an increase of ACT scores 20 and higher.
- Professional developments will align to SPS targets.
- Instructional coaches are meeting twice a month.
- PLCs are taking place monthly
- Network teams are visiting schools constantly making observations and providing feedback to principals immediately.
- The network has held Parent Advisory committee meetings and both GT and Capdau to discuss the Avery Alexander site
- Capdau's charter renewal is in 2021, Nelson in 2018 and Lake Area in 2019.
- Current enrollment numbers: Gentilly Terrace 430, Capdau 375, Lake Area 786
- Recommendation to adjust fund balance

***New Business***

None

On motion by Val Marshall and seconded by Kathy Saloy, the meeting ended at 7:10 pm.