

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Austin International School
February 26, 2014
6:30 pm; Adelphi Campus**

Board Members Present: Barksdale English, Bertrand Hazard; Ricardo Sanchez, Sophie Cano, Dina Sherzer, Liz Wiley

Absent: Sujiro Seam, Sylvie Christophe, Rémi Taillefer

Quorum: Present.

Visitors: Kate McCarthy (PTO)

Resources: Christophe Bonnet, Head of School.

The agenda having been circulated prior to the meeting, the regularly scheduled February meeting of the AIS Board of Directors was called to order at 6:44 pm.

- Dina Sherzer moved to approve the minutes of **December 11, 2013**. Sophie seconded the motion. There being no abstentions or dissenting votes, the motion carried.
- Bertrand moved to approve the minutes circulated of the **January 8, 2014** meeting. Dina Sherzer seconded the motion. With no dissents and no abstentions, the motion carried.

Proceedings – Public Session

1. HOS report to Board

- a. Construction: Report on progress; no major issues.
- b. NAIS update: NAIS meets on March 26; AIS making it through that decision-making process will trigger 18-month review process. There is work to be done on issues of board government, professional development, all of which the Board has started addressing.
- c. School Life: Update on Christophe's work with French authorities on issue of homologation for 6th grade/9th grade given AIS's unique status and curriculum.
- d. Lille Partnership – report on Christophe's future plans for academic collaborations.
- e. Advancement: Report on gala and issues of access for everyone in AIS family to be feel like the event is accessible; discussion about creating community and sense of inclusion.
- f. Academic Life
 - i. Report on status of academic dean search: Christine Christy selected. Work begins on cementing the collaborative approach and leadership style for the school, including small group of faculty advisors to assist. Board

raises questions about issues in past with a “coordinators” team and how this new plan differs to avoid problems with last incarnation with morale and collegiality. Christophe addresses by explaining that all faculty are concerned about this issue and intend to avoid it: all moving toward assisting teachers with the collaborative approach and to support Christine.

- ii. Report on work underway for an Academic Achievement Plan, which is a strategic plan in the area of academics.
- g. Enrollment
 - i. Report on loss of students as previously discussed at meetings, regarding job losses at Dell, family issues, *la bourse* situation with French government.
 - ii. Report on success of open house and with losses and additions should be at 204. Budget prediction at 201.

2. PTO Report, Kate McCarthy

- a. Report includes: status of landscape project; request for as many board members as possible (especially Dina and Liz) to attend the State of the School event on Thursday March 20.
- b. **ACTION ITEM:** Board requests that Kate for next month (i) report on the state of the PTO budget and (ii) discuss or present the following year’s budget.
- c. Board commends Kate on her good work with PTO this year.

3. Chair’s Report

- a. Chair notes next meeting is **March 19**; State of the School is **March 20**.
- b. Board retreat: **Saturday June 7** will be the date, such that regularly scheduled June 11 meeting may not be necessary.
- c. Discussion about Professional Development initiatives, both for Board Members and Christine/Christophe: (i) Board members asked to think on issues they would like training on; (ii) Christophe and Christine to look at Collaborative Leadership Training seminar in San Francisco.

Break at 7:45 pm, concluding public session of Board proceedings.

The Board would reconvene for Executive Session to address: new teacher recruitment in France; quarterly scorecard report; Governance Committee report on Board recruitment.

Approved on March 19, 2014

Signed:

