

AISB BOARD MEETING
Regular Session
AISB Library
June 2nd , 2008

Present: David Henry (DH, *Director*) Rob Van Doeselaar (RD, *Chair*), Olivier Verstraeten (OV), Lisa Nichols (LN), Oumar Saibou (OS), Stephanie Syptak (SS, *U.S. Ambassador's rep*), Christy Bennett (CB), Nico Barning (NB), Steve Lutterbeck (SL), Todd League (TD)

Absent: -

Others present: Bob Strozeski(Teacher's rep)

1. Opening

a. Call to order, 6:16 PM

b. Approval of minutes

Vote: -After two corrections by email, nothing else to add. Approving minutes of the Regular Session Mai 13 – 1 abstention, 6 approved.

2. Teacher report

Bob presented the teacher's report. See addendum 1.

3. Director's report

See addendum 2. US Embassy will provide some extra security measures on the current campus.

CB considered rock climbing as extreme sport and she expresses here concerns to put it as after school activity. DH explained AISB liability insurance policies as summarized in the report. DH said all parents also sign a liability waiver. DH said he would reinforce to parents the risk involved in this activity next time it is offered.

SS intervened with another question i.e., Could English classes be given to French speaking teachers/staff? There was a brief discussion. DH will see if this can be worked out.

4. Facilities report

See Facilities committee meeting minutes May 13th. The costs for building the campus seems to be too high to do it all at once. This means the building of the campus is put into 2 phases.

The community will be asked to think of other ways to fundraise. This will be mentioned in the newsletter. DH is continuing with Mr. Diallo to finalize his contract. There was some discussion at to maybe somehow other Embassies could be involved in fundraising or support for he new campus construction.

5. Financial report

With regard to the financing, OV met with Bank of Africa, BICIM, and June 3rd at ECO bank. DH and RH attended the some of the initial bank meetings. A \$5.5 million loan has been asked for. In Mali, the bank is forced to pay a tax (TAF, 15% on the interest of 8-9%) on loans which is charged on to the client. There might be a possibility that AISB could be exonerated for this tax (SS will ask at the Embassy).

OV expects to get more information by the banks before the end of June (within three weeks of time).

6. Discussion/Evaluation of Board training

In general everybody was very satisfied. It has been a practical training. 'A day well worth spend'.

The only suggestion made is to send some information (especially on theory) before the start of the training.

7. Establish Board Committees

DH is a member of all committees.

Financial committee (OV, SL, RD)

Financial assistance committee (OV, SL)

Facilities committee (CB, TL, Randy Brown, SS or Gautham)

Policy committee (NB, OS, RD, Sara Rasmussen-Tall and teacher representative, to be determined next year)

8. Organizational Goals for school year 08-09

See Addendum

a. Build a new AISB Campus.

A short discussion on the planning of activities takes place. Communication with the Association will be done by DH.

b. Develop Curriculum

c. Mission/Vision/Core Values (stakeholders involved).

Policy committee comes after its first meeting with a plan for the development of mission/vision and core values.

9. Dates of Board Meetings school year 08-09

RD proposes the list of dates of the meetings in 2008-2009. No need to approve.

10. Summer Programs and contact information

No summer program this year, the AICB will have some summer activities. DH noted that the campus is open only if students are accompanied by one of the parents.

Board members summer contact information forms were distributed. DH handed out his summer contact information.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM