

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2008
7:00 PM- LIBRARY

PRESENT; DAVID HENRY (DH), ROB VAN DOESELAAR (RD), OUMAR SAIBOU (OS), SCOTT REESE (SR), CHRISTY BENNETT (CB), STEVE LUTTERBECK (SL), OLIVIER VERSTAETEN (OV)

ABSENT: TODD LEAGUE (TL), NICO BARNING (NB)

OTHERS PRESENT: RANDY BROWN(RB), LYNN ROBINSON(LR), TJ LEAGUE

1. OPENING
 - A. CALL TO ORDER-7:20
 - B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPT. 5, 2008 -ALL PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS APPROVED (5)
2. TEACHERS REPORT
 - A. AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES UPDATE
 - B. SECONDARY SCHOOL HAS ELECTED OFFICIALS-WILL HAVE A DANCE AFTER THE CARNIVAL
 - C. AUTHOR VISIT- POET BROD BAGERT WILL VISIT DEC.4 &5
 - D. FIELD TRIPS ARE IN FULL SWING/PERMISSION SLIP FOR THE WHOLE YEAR HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE PERMISSION FOR EACH TRIP.
3. DIRECTORS REPORT- SEE ADDENDUM
 - A. FACILITIES- CHANGED AC'S IN FACULTY HOUSE, WORKING ON ELECTRIC PROBLEMS IN ANOTHER.
 - B. BOUGHT A CAR FOR THE PM/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
 - C. ENROLLMENT 158
 - D. EMERGENCY PLAN REVISED- HAD A FIREDRILL, PHONE TREE-FINAL DRAFT COMPLETE AND HAS BEEN SENT OUT.
 - E. FINAL DRAFT FOR MISSION STATEMENT- WORK OF 24 FACULTY

MEMBERS

F. DR MELTON WILL RETURN WITH HIS WIFE- END OF JAN TO FEB2. WILL SEE ABOUT ADJUSTING THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE-WIFE DOES WORKSHOPS ON ADHD,ASPBERGERS AND TCK.

G. DIRECTOR WENT TO SADIOLA SEPT 25-27, 3 STUDENTS WENT LAST WEEK FOR YEAR BOOK.

H. TEACHER EVALUATIONS

I. AISA CONFERENCE- 13 AISB TEACHERS WILL LEAVE ON OCT.16 AND RETURN THE 23RD OR 25TH.

H. MIDDLE STATES HAVE ASKED DH TO VISIT FOR AN ACCREDITATION VISIT- AT THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF NOUAKCHOTT.

* REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL TO THE ACCREDITATION- WILL BE IN NOV OR DEC. – **ALL APPROVED (5)** - PAID BY THE OTHER SCHOOL.

J. MORE THAN 200 WERE AT THE PTO- BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ.

K. PHONE BOOK AND HANDBOOK HAVE BEEN SENT OUT.

4. FACILITIES-

A. UPDATE FROM PM, RANDY BROWN INTERVIEWED FOR PILOTS, HAVE MADE OUR CHOICE TO KEEP LADJI CAMARA. CURRENTLY REVISING THE CONTRACT. SL ASKED ABOUT A MORE DETAILED BUDGET- WILL HAVE A MORE DETAILED BUDGET AT THE END OF THE MONTH. SECURITY GRANT IS IN THE PROCESS- HAVE GIVEN SOME DRAWINGS TO THE ARCHITECT.

BRING A COPY OF RANDY'S JOB DESCRIPTION TO THE NEXT MEETING – THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE WILL APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION .

RANDY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE CONTACT FOR THE PILOT.

5. FINANCE REPORT- SEE ADDENDUM

A. BOARD APPROVED FINAL 2007/08 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT - **ALL APPROVED (5)**. SEE ATTACHMENT

B. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED OCT BUDGET- **ALL APPROVED (5)**.
SEE ATTACHMENT

C.. LOAN PROCESS UPDATE- ARE NEGOTIATING WITH BOA ABOUT THEIR REQUEST TO PASS ALL TUITION THROUGH THEM- AND FOR A GUARANTEE OF ALL AISB RESERVES. AISB HAS AGREED TO PAY 25% OF THE TUITION TO THEM- WILL GUARANTEE 80 %OF RESERVES TO THE BANK AS WELL- ARE WAITING FOR A RESPONSE FROM THE BANK.

6. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT- SEE ADDENDUM

A. POLICY 802: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- CURRENLTY NO POLICY ON GRAD REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSAL: MUST HAVE 23 CREDITS IN ORDER TO GRADUATE – **ALL APPROVED (5)**

DISCUSSION:. CB ASKED IF THE STUDENTS GETTING SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE ACADEMIC STANDARD- THERE IS NO STANDARD SET, EXCEPT ‘GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING’, IN THE POLICY- WILL LEAVE THE POLICY AS IS- THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCES ARE BEING MONITORED.

B. POLICY 704, 704.1, 705 CLASS SIZE LIMITS: COMMITTEE PROPOSES CLASS

LIMIT OF 20 KIDS PER CLASSROOM – THE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD WILL LOOK AT IT CASE BY CASE IF THE NUMBER EXCEEDS THIS. SL MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED POLICY 704(CLASS LIMIT),705(COMBINING GRADES), 704.1(CLASS DIVISION and COMBINATIONS). – **(3) YES, (2) ABSTAINED**.

C. . EVALUATION OF THE DIRECTOR- WILL CONTINUE WITH THE 5 POINT PROCEDURE FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR 2008/09 SCHOOL YEAR- **ALL APPROVED (5)**. THIS TOPIC WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE.

D. MISSION STATEMENT and PHILOSOPHY- THE ADHOC COMMITTEE HAS MET AND THEY WILL HAVE A MISSION STATEMENT BY JANUARY-

E. POLICY MANUAL REVIEW- WILL MOVE SOME SECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS MANUAL. NB WILL WRITE A POLICY PROPOSAL ON CHILD PROTECTION AND TEACHER BEHAVIOR CODE OF CONDUCT.

7. ADJOURNED 9:10 -
RECORDED BY: CHRISTY BENNETT