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SCHOOL OF LOUISIANA

A Singular Education for a Diverse World

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AUGUST 2007 REPORT

ACADEMIC REPORT
Enrollment – 6 children have been enrolled this month, bringing our enrollment to 454.

FK– 2
F4- 1
F5-1
S5-1
F6-1

Open House – Saturday, October 13, 2007 was Open House. Over 100 families attended and more than 90 applications were distributed.

Lower School – The school year is off to a wonderful start with Teachers and students are actively engaged in the learning process; field trips have begun, symphony members have visited and in response to the Green initiative the K/7 buddy system has given birth to composting and worm farming project tying into the 1st & 3rd grade classes' garden. DIBELS testing has been completed and ELA remediation initiated based on those test results. A narrative report card format has been created and will be implemented at the end of this quarter (November 9, 2007). Kindergarten, grades 1-4, & Middle School will now all have "narrative" report cards bringing the school in line with the Charter

Middle School – Changing classes and adjusting to an A/B day schedule has become an established routine. Middle School FLA teacher Michel Moutin has resigned for personal reasons as of November 9th, 2007. A CODOFIL teacher will interview for the position this upcoming week. We regret Mr. Moutin's departure, but foresee little difficulty replacing him. A parent has volunteered his time and labor to build cubbies for the Middle School. Ideally this project will take place over Fall Break.

FACILITY
The facility is an area that is constantly undergoing improvement. After much of the work was done over the summer, we continue to find areas that need to be updated. Through the past weeks we have created lists for janitorial,

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security, and maintenance staff to ensure all aspects of the building are being reviewed for maintenance and safety concerns.

The facility manager has resigned from his position as of October 26, 2007, which would coincide with the maintenance person's return from FMLA. We have posted advertisements in the Times Picayune, Craig's List and a couple Spanish media. Interviewing will start the week of October 29, 2007 and with the intent to have someone in place no later than November 15th.

Through communications with Mr. Andrew Lemmon, we should receive $50,000 in funds towards the renovation of the restrooms within 10 days. He will personally deliver the check. I hope to have more conversation with Mr. Lemmon to plan for his visit. We would like to make note of his gift to our immediate and distant community member.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Marketing

- Mr. Gorbachev's visit went well; media coverage ran on CNN, WWL, FOX, Times Picayune & Associated Press news outlets; new banner at school entrance announces "Green Seed School" status
- The school newsletter has been redesigned and renamed "The ISL Polyglot", first issue was distributed on October 9
- Open House will be held Saturday, October 13. Packets are prepared so that we can track responses to better determine effectiveness. Student Recruitment advertising ran in Gambit Weekly & Times Picayune; flyers distributed to pre-schools & Hispanic markets; notices in web newsletters LaFete News and the NO Agenda.
- ISL received a "bouquet" from the Gambit Weekly recognizing our Charter School of the Year designation; LaFete News also carried a recognition piece
- ISL will be profiled in the first newsletter issued by the new Charter School division of the LA Department of Education (date tbd)

Annual Fund Hi-lights

- Annual Fund & Entergy Matching Grant (of $2,500) were announced in October issue of *The Polyglot*; donations are slowly beginning to come in (2/$125)
- ISL Fest Annual Fund "Kick-Off" to include the Board Challenge Pledge Drive and a chance to win box seats at Saints home game.
- Parent & Faculty Campaign Captains will work toward the participation goal until 12/31/07.
- An appeal letter will be sent to all previous supporters & "missing" families early in the new year.

- Board Solicitations will be directed toward the end of the campaign to close any gaps to the financial goal.

Enrichment/Student Services Funding
We have met with the Enrichment and Student Services Faculty and have begun the process of determining goals, objectives and budgets for programming. Potential funding sources are being researched.

ISL Arts Space
A proposal to the Goldring Foundation for funding renovations to the old caretaker's cottage has been submitted. We are requesting $100,000 in assistance to convert that building to an Arts/Music wing.

French Immersion Program Grant
ISL has been selected to receive a $250 French Immersion Program grant from the Confederation of Associations of Families Acadian (CAFA). The monies will be used to purchase French materials.

Enterprise Development
Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations (LANO) has presented their technical assistance plan based on the organizational analysis conducted last year. With their help, we have begun the process of implementing recommendations specific to marketing and development. Items related to Board Governance and Recruitment has been forwarded to the appropriate Board Committee Chairs.

The following funding has been granted for 2008 programming:

■ LANO Development/Parent Education	$10,000	Enterprise
■ Lowe's Program	$5,000	Safety/Lighting
■ Arts Council of New Orleans Band	$2,500	Steel Drum School
■ Baptist Community Ministries and Documentation	$15,000	Curriculum Mapping
■ LA Endowment for the Humanities	$8,500	Library Prime Time
■ Global Green "Green Seed School" Building Upgrades	$75,000	Energy Efficient
■ CAFA Materials	$250.00	French Language

SECURITY
The school is patrolled on a daily basis by our own advisory team. The team has begun to lay the foundation for understanding its role in the overall

administration of the school. The security advisors are tasked with patrolling the perimeter of the school during operating hours, sweeping the building identifying possible areas of risks, minimizing safety hazards throughout the school. The team will be more visible throughout the day and in the evening hours at the school.

JEFF DAVIS PROPERTY

Though closing was scheduled for 10/12/07, it has been postponed until 10/16/07 as the buyers await a final tax credit from the state department. The attorneys agree that this is common and that the buyers have until 10/29/07 to extend without penalty, and believe that the close will happen before the expiration of the current extension.

VISITS/TOURS

This month proved to be a month full of great news. The visit of President Mikhail Gorbachev, Green Cross International, Matt Petersen, Global Breen USA, along with others from the various environmental groups, put ISL in the spotlight for the day.

FUTURE

The future of ISL is full of opportunities and challenges. The challenges are great and can be overcome with focused energy. The RSD, along with the OPSB, are hosting a Master Plan Conference, 10/27/07 focusing on the facility needs of schools in the coming years. I have confirmed attendance for Rico Sterling and myself.

Future facility needs will require much thought, planning and forecasting to assure we meet the needs of the students of ISL. The input of community members will be needed to help us sort through the possibilities; acquiring space, renovating possibilities, modular classrooms, etc. Nearing the point of capacity at 1400 Camp Street we must move prudently making sure each option is explored and deciding on the best option.

OVERALL

ISL is moving in the right direction given the challenges and opportunities. We will continue to explore streamlining procedures to increase efficiency while attempting to reduce costs of operations. We are fortunate to have had the visit of President Gorbachev at ISL during this month and look forward to sharing the talents of our students locally, nationally and internationally.

Sincerely,

Sean Wilson