

International School of Louisiana
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2008

Call to order: 4:43 p.m.

Present:

Board members:

Karen Mayer Dwyer

Grant Ligon

Matt Amoss

Richard Cortizas (arrived after meeting started)

Staff:

Melanie Tennyson

Pam Stewart

Report by Board President:

Reading of the ISL mission

Review of last meeting minutes. A motion to accept last meeting's minutes with minor changes was unanimously approved.

Report:

- Karen discussed previously set goals for the expansion and development of the board and reiterated the dates and times for upcoming board training sessions.
- A review of the ISL Disaster Plan Policies and action on any emergency action needed was added to the agenda to be discussed under New Business.
- Karen reported on the ongoing effort to open a new language immersion high school in Louisiana. Karen's meeting with Paul Vallas was very promising and there may be a joint effort between the RSD and ISL in the near future. Several issues still need to be resolved.
- Maria Treffinger has agreed to form an Advocacy Committee. The meeting dates will be announced. The committee will be the successor to the Legislative Committee.

The ISL Fest was discussed. A motion to give ISL Fest \$10,000 in seed money was passed unanimously. A motion to reconsider the vote passed unanimously, and the seed money was further clarified as a loan to the ISL Fest to be repaid. A new motion to approve the loan passed unanimously.

The head report was summarized by Melanie.

Committee Reports:

The governance committee report was given by Karen. The board unanimously accepted the governance committee's three nominations for new board members, Carolyn Barber-Pierre, Andrew Yon, and Adrian Coleman and the re-nomination of Grant Ligon to the ISL Board.

The finance committee report was given by Grant. The committee intends to develop a dashboard to see pertinent financial information in consolidated form.

New Business:

Disaster Plan Policy

- A new conference call company was presented to be used during a mandatory evacuation.
- The board is allowed, through State Legislature, to vote by e-mail and/or telephone in the event of a disaster.
- There was some discussion of lifting the dual signature policy in the event of a disaster.

A motion to require board members to contact the board president within four hours of a declared evacuation passed unanimously.

A motion to adopt as a temporary policy specific to hurricane Gustav that in the event of a mandatory evacuation, the school will continue to pay payroll and benefits for three pay periods, and in the event that an employee finds other employment within those three periods, they are obligated to inform the school and will be removed from the payroll. The policy will take effect September 1, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

6:30pm motion to adjourn.

Minutes prepared by Matthew Amoss.