



CORPORATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the Front Office by Patrice Arnout at 12:21 pm. Amy Shaw took roll and the following members were present:

- Patrice Arnout, Board President
- Corinne Arnout, Board Vice President
- Amy Shaw, Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

None to approve

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Move to Chandler, AZ
 - 1.1. The Board discussed a proposed new location for both schools operating under The French American School of Arizona corporation. The location is a former golf school at

Arizona Avenue and Warner Road in Chandler, AZ. Reasons given for the move to this location included:

- 1.1.1. Proximity to the homes of the majority of existing students enrolled at FrenchAm schools.
 - 1.1.2. Proximity to a large number of tech and other large companies, many of whom employ Francophone professionals.
 - 1.1.3. Proximity to our target demographic.
 - 1.1.4. Location on a busy intersection with multiple signage for marketing/brand awareness.
 - 1.1.5. Enough space to allow sustainable growth in enrollment and the additional of additional classes.
 - 1.1.6. A large indoor recreation and multi-use space suitable for recess, lunch, PE, and school-wide events.
 - 1.1.7. Ability to build-out to licensing code without large construction costs.
 - 1.1.8. A ten-year lease with favorable terms.
 - 1.2. Patrice Arnout moved to move both schools operated by The French American School of Arizona corporation to the chosen location in Chandler. Amy Shaw seconded. Motion carried unanimously (C. Arnout, P. Arnout, Shaw).
2. Corporate Name Change
 - 2.1. The Board discussed changing the name of the corporation to coincide with the move to Chandler.
 - 2.2. Patrice moved change the name of the 501 (c)(3) corporation from “The French American School of Arizona” to “The FrenchAm Schools”. Corinne Arnout seconded. Motion carried unanimously (C. Arnout, P. Arnout, Shaw).
3. New Trade Names
 - 3.1. The Board discussed the adoption of new trade names for the schools, in conjunction with the move to Chandler. It was proposed to change the name of the preschool to “The French American Preschool of Chandler” and the Academy to “The French American Academy of Chandler”. The cost to register each of these names is \$10 each.
 - 3.2. Patrice moved to register new trade names and to change the names of the schools according, as follows: “The French American School of Arizona” to become “The French American Preschool of Chandler” and “The French American Academy of Arizona” to become “The French American Academy of Chandler”. Corinne seconded. Motion carried unanimously (C. Arnout, P. Arnout, Shaw).
4. New Logo and Mascot Designs
 - 4.1. The Board reviewed and discussed new official logos for both schools, as well as new mascot logos and designs. The official logos would be for use on uniforms, websites, signage, and other public communication and marketing. The mascot logos and designs would be for internal communication and promotion of events/activities.

- 4.2. Amy moved to accept the new official logo designs for both schools for use in public and marketing use and the new mascot logos and designs for both schools for internal use. Patrice seconded. Motion carried unanimously (C. Arnout, P. Arnout, Shaw).
- 4.3. The new official Academy logo will be presented to the Academy Board for use on the official Academy uniforms.
5. Hiring Vacancies for 2020-2021
 - 5.1. The Board discussed the decision of one Academy teacher not to return for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Board discussed the desire to find a certified teacher to replace this employee next year, and preferably a candidate with a SPED certification as well. It was decided that the candidate search would focus on candidates certified in Arizona to teach both SPED and general elementary education.
 - 5.2. The Board discussed custodial and janitorial services in the new location. Based on costs and difficulty in finding reliable, quality providers, it was discussed that it would be best to search for a single candidate to fill the role of custodian/janitor for the new space rather than outsourcing to an external service as is the current state at both schools.
6. Corporate and Academy Board Changes
 - 6.1. The Board discussed the number of current FrenchAm Academy Board members and whether or not to change this. The idea of term-limits of 2 years was also discussed as it relates to both the Corporate and the FrenchAm Academy Boards. It was decided that this discussion would be tabled and revisited at the next Corporate Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be Parent Information Sessions regarding the move to Chandler held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 8am and again at 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Shaw

