



MINUTES

**Francophone Charter School of Oakland
Board of Directors Regular Meeting**
9736 Lawlor Street, Oakland, CA
Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00pm

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Member Name	Present	Absent
Adoubou Traoré		X
Amelie Dupont	X	
Annette Dennett	X	
Evelien Verpeet		X
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Sarah Sharp	X	
Taima Beyah	Arrived at 7:35 p.m.	
Lori MacDonald, Ex Officio	X	

Guests: Dena Koren, Edtec, Gabrielle Lafitte, prospective Board member.

Statement from Mathilde prior to roll call:

Before starting, I wanted to reiterate some of the messages that have been expressed by Lori, as well as our Oakland educational leaders in light of the fracture of values that the recent election uncovered.

This is a trying time for us all, educators, community members, parents, students. Our students are seeing their parents' passion for or against politicians and the stories and values they carry. They are in turn scared, passionate, anxious, emboldened, acting out.

Now more than ever, we have not just an opportunity, but a responsibility, to come together and carry our school's values of respect, inclusion, and integrity, and ensure that those values get passed on to our students. As Lori said to our families, If we are faithful to the mission of the school, if we model for

our students these essential qualities of the charter, we will be raising up a generation of global citizens who can lead without dividing.

C. Approval of Agenda

- Enrollment policy tabled
- No charter presentation in Evelien’s absence
- Public comment policy excerpt on the agenda is incorrect--comments should be made at the beginning.

Annette motions to approve, Frédéric seconds.

Board Member Name	YAY	NAY
Amelie Dupont	X	
Annette Dennett	X	
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Sarah Sharp	X	

D. Consent Agenda

1. Board Meeting minutes: 10/13
2. Governance Update
3. Audit Update
4. Fundraising Update (Direct Ask, Walkathon, Fundraising plan/goals)

Minutes should be revised: change financial update to remove \$-6,000 forecast, which is confusing taken out of context. Items 3 and 4 were moved to discussion.

Mathilde motions to approve consent agenda, Frédéric seconds.

Approved with change to board meeting minutes and moving 2 items to discussion.

Board Member Name	YAY	NAY
Amelie Dupont	X	
Annette Dennett	X	
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Sarah Sharp	X	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance, and no public comments.

III. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Interview Prospective Board Member Gabrielle Lafitte

Annette, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented why the committee is recommending Ms. Lafitte. Her experience in project management and commitment to contributing to the Oakland community will be strong assets for the Board. Ms. Lafitte introduced herself. Board members introduced themselves and asked questions.

It was suggested to add all Board members to the matrix.

Frédéric motions to approve Gabrielle Lafitte as new board member, Sarah seconds.

Board Member Name	YAY	NAY
Adoubou Traoré		
Amelie Dupont	X	
Annette Dennett	X	
Evelien Verpeet		
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Sarah Sharp	X	
Taima Beyah	X	

B. Finance Update

Dena Koren provided a financial update.

Fundraising update (Amélie):

- Direct Ask (\$7,000 received so far),
- Walkathon (made \$12,000),
- A few grants are being submitted (\$8,000 awarded so far)

Gabrielle offered to help teachers apply for grants.

Audit update (Amélie): the audit going well. One simple finding related to attendance. The report will be presented more extensively at the December Board meeting.

C. Executive Director Update

Highlights:

- The school is doing a Creating a School of Kindness assembly and giving teachers materials to follow up in their classrooms. Creating a School of Kindness will become a year-long theme.
- Bénédicte de Montlaur, Cultural Counsellor for the French Embassy in New York visited on 11/15 along with San Francisco Consul and two other Consulate officials.

D. Facilities Update

Mathilde reported on facilities. The Proposition 39 application was submitted. We asked for same space next school year based on our projected 62% in-district enrollment.

E. Enrollment Policy and Update

The Office of Charter Schools requested that we consider revising the Public Random Drawing preferences language sent to them to include a preference for families qualifying for free and reduced lunch.

F. School Visitation & Volunteer Policy

Lori will add language to policy to address how to share concerns and issues that may arise during volunteering.

G. Uniform Complaint Policy

Amélie encourages translating to French. Taima motions to approve policy, Annette seconds.

Board Member Name	YAY	NAY
Amelie Dupont	X	
Annette Dennett	X	
Frédéric Boulay	X	
Mathilde Andrejko	X	
Sarah Sharp	X	
Taima Beyah	X	

H. Charter Presentation on Global Citizenship

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I. Closed session (Started at 10:15 p.m.)

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Executive Director

J. Report out on closed session actions taken

NO ACTION TAKEN

K. Closed session (Started at 10:28 p.m.)

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) or subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case

L. Report out on closed session actions taken

NO ACTION TAKEN

M. Review of Future Agenda & Action Items
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IV. ADJOURN AT 10:49 P.M.