

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy  
Meeting Minutes  
28 August 2018  
5:00pm

1. Roll call – Col Ebbert, Capt Grace, Mr. Downing, Mr. Bush, Ms. Finkbeiner (by phone), Mr. Welker, Mr. Shinn, Gen Mize, Mr. Charpentier, Ms McCall, Mr. Staines, Mr. Welker (by phone) Absent: Mr. Bean
2. Approval of minutes:
  - a. Minutes from June 26 and previous meeting approved: Motion by Mr. Downing, second by Mr. Charpentier; all in favor
3. Financial report: report given by Mr. Downing
  - a. Report on Fiscal Year; went according to plan and within close proximity to budget
    - i. Generated over \$400K in cash and applied toward new facilities
  - b. First month of current year is off to good start and in line with contemplated budget
  - c. Cash position remains close to last year despite growth expenditures
4. General School Update: report given by Col Schlafer
  - a. Renovations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade are complete
  - b. Completed hiring for key positions except Operations Director
  - c. Completed revisions on Cadet and employee handbooks
  - d. Planned and executed teacher and cadet orientation
    - i. School started with numerous positive comments regarding organization and logistics
  - e. Attended LAPCS conference in late July and had same attorney brief at NOMMA teacher orientation regarding safe school environment.
  - f. Had visit from LDOE rep to introduce new Principal; she provided good ideas regarding curriculum and other matters
  - g. Questions:
    - i. Col Ebbert: where do fire marshal issues stand w/ 8<sup>th</sup> grade campus
      1. Have solved issues with process to prepare and move food from main campus
      2. Have fixed electrical and plumbing issues
      3. Working with School Food Solutions to mitigate other minor issues, namely grease trap and 3-basin sink; these are inconsistent with facility need and equipment on main campus
    - ii. Col Ebbert: how did OneApp perform?
      1. Concerns expressed regarding process for student assignments/enrollment after school year begins.

- iii. Gen Mize: what is mechanism for giving feedback on OneApp
      - 1. No well-defined mechanism, but can attempt to mitigate issue through open communication with liaison.
    - h. Board agreed to pursue avenues to provide feedback and offer suggestions for improvement. Need for meeting with OneApp representatives identified.
- 5. Academic Update: report given by Mr. Garbarino
  - i. Pupil Progression Plan: Mr. Garbarino discussed the plan
    - 1. Students must pass English, Reading and Math to advance from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 2. Will also take benchmark test administered by NOMMA
      - a. 50% or higher on ELA and Math
    - 3. If students pass all required courses, but fail tests, building level committee can discuss and elect to pass the student
      - a. Can retain or promote a student, and can classify at T-9, which provides for five years of high school
  - ii. Motion to accept Pupil Progression plan by Mr. Downing, second by Ms. McCall; motion approved
- 6. Facilities update: report given by Col Schlafer
  - a. Discussion of Lease Agreement given need to reassign Lease to Algiers Development District
    - i. Requested to remain at \$3/ft. w/ no CAMs or other charges
  - b. First food service audit in January, so school has begun preparations, including classes in Baton Rouge
- 7. Development report: report given by Mr. Bush
  - a. Col Ebbert has spoken with rep from Sen Landrieu's office and they are making arrangements for in person meeting; has also received positive response from the Senator's office.
  - b. Had site visit from potential donors; received very positive feedback from visitors
    - i. Mr. Stewart mentioned wanting to reach out to a community members and potential large donors to visit NOMMA.
  - c. Mentioned opening brokerage account to accept in kind donations
  - d. Col Ebbert mentioned Opportunity Zone as means of attracting additional financing
    - i. Mr. Giustiniano mentioned he would send information on the program
- 8. Board Member Recruitment: Col Schlafer gave the report
  - a. Motion to accept membership of Melanie Young by Ms. McCall, second by Mr. Bush; motion was approved

- b. Col Ebbert welcomed Melanie Young to the BOD
- c. Beginning this school year, BOD must include at least one member who is a parent/legal guardian/grandparent of a current student, or alumnus

9. Old Business

- a. Col Schlafer gave campus expansion update: Gen Mize and Col Schlafer meeting with architect on 5 Oct to discuss campus expansion
- b. Phyllis Taylor is funding preparation requirements to accept Gen John A. LeJeune statue being donated by Mrs Taylor.

10. New Business: no new business

11. Public comment period: no comments

12. Remarks from Board Members

- a. None

13. Adjournment: motion by Mr. Downing, second by Ms. McCall; motion approved