



Meeting Minutes of 28 January 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1712.

Members Present: Col Terry Ebbert
Mr. James Bean
Mr. Doug Downing
Mrs. Carol McCall
Gen David Mize
Mr. Tom Shinn
Mr. David Welker
MGySgt Melanie Young

Members Absent: Mr. Peyton Bush
Mr. John Charpentier
Dr. Marcellus Grace
Mr. Tony Staines

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs McCall. All were in favor of approving the Minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial Report – Mr. Downing gave the financial report.

- Provided each member with a copy of December 2019 financial statements.
- Provided a budget update.
- NOMMA is in a strong financial and cash position with a 2.8 operational reserve.
- Stated that NOMMA is ‘behind on grant donations’.

General School/MCJROTC – Commandant gave the general school update.

- Upon return from the holiday break, NOMMA Admin held a 2-day Professional Development session for staff to start the second semester.
- Teachers believe that continuing morning formations starts the day off right.
- Attended an LAPCS meeting, speaking on Charter Schools. Planning to invite city officials to visit NOMMA (i.e., Governor, Mayor, etc.) to spread the good news story about NOMMA and charter schools.
- Still in need of a Maritime Instructor.
- Based on meeting with State Law Enforcement officials, NOMMA continues to research the school security application RAVE, and is considering school wide implementation.
- Cadets are improving more and more each day, properly wearing the school uniform, etc.
- Currently moving into testing season.
- Enrollment at 961 cadets.
- Commandant assigned required online training via Safe Schools program to include: Workplace Bullying, Discrimination in the Workplace, Conflict Management: Staff-To-Staff; Diversity Awareness: Staff-To-Staff.

Academic – Principal gave the academics update.

- The school choir has returned.
- Participation in the Awards Festival.
- Homecoming. This will be the second one ever and students are looking forward to it. Fundraisers are being held to help raise money for Homecoming. The cadets are expected to be well behaved, as they were reported to have been during the last Homecoming.
- Open house was a success, with a packed audience. Three more are planned.

Facilities – Commandant gave an update on the facilities.

- A good cleaning of the facility was done over the break. A beautification project will be conducted during Mardi Gras break, to include placement of meaningful quotes at designated locations.
- NOMMA passed an inspection of the kitchen with commendatory remarks. .
- Campus expansion. Commandant pursuing the lease of two more suites in the Federal City Retail Complex (FCRC). This would bring NOMMA to a total of nine (9) suites. Renovation will take time. Currently waiting on feedback from the Algiers Development District (ADD). Driver for this project is the need for more student classroom and staff workspace. There are several teachers that don't have their own classrooms. An additional space could also support an alternative approach to out of school suspension.
- NOMMA Commandant spoke at a Krewe of Rex luncheon; great publicity.

Development – Commandant gave an update on development and grants.

- NOMMA's new Development Consultant has been active and effective in building relationships and applying for multiple grant opportunities, including a request for \$50,000.
- Received donation commitments from some foundations and some board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Campus Expansion Update** – Discussed during the Facilities Report. Briefly discussed ADD's interest in building a cruise terminal at Federal City. Should this come to fruition, ADD would likely reallocate space formerly assigned to NOMMA and make it available for Port of NO. Neither Commander, MFR nor NOMMA are in favor of this project due to safety, security, and impact on local community. Need to invite Port officials to NOMMA for a presentation on the Academy and its intent and efforts toward campus expansion.

NEW BUSINESS

New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO) Breakfast Event Feedback – Gen Mize provided feedback on the event.

- Tier I curriculum is needed; Tier I curriculum has been vetted and approved by the LDoE). When Tier I curriculum is used, test scores are much better.
- Need vendor support to maximize the benefit for Tier I and better test results.
- NOMMA is on a good path to getting Tier I curriculum throughout, currently having it for English and Math.
- A \$30,000 was received for New Schools for New Orleans.

- Briefed interesting statistics, from a survey, on retention of school faculty.
- Mentioned a plan for continuity of faculty members.

Board Member Recruitment

- Commandant discussed “Board Member Recruitment”. NOMMA Commandant has met with multiple potential future board members. Information on each will be provided to NOMMA Board Member Management Committee to be formed. Of note, NOMMA needs to fulfill the requirement for a parent or alumni to serve as a board member by replacing previous member who departed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Principal briefed two events listed on the “NOMMA Calendar of Events 2019-2020; February 14- IQI curriculum implementation review with NSNO and March 30- Spring Faculty Insight Survey (NSNO).

PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENT

- None

REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- None

NEXT MEETING

- TBD

ADJOURNMENT—A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. McCall and seconded by Mr. Shinn. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1836.