

New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
Meeting Minutes
27 March 2018
5:00 PM

1. Roll Call: Col Ebbert, Mr Bean, Mr Bush, Ms Finkbeiner, Dr Grace, Mrs McCall, Gen Mize, LtCol Shinn, Mr Staines (9 members present; we have a quorum).
2. Approval of 30 Jan 18 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Mr Bush; second by Mr Shinn; all present in favor.
3. Reports and Recommendations:
 - a. Financial Report: Mr Todd Giustiniano (NOMMA Accountant, Business Manager); NOMMA currently as a surplus of \$107,000 due to early timing of certain federal grants. Working Capital at \$1.2M; Operating Reserve at 3.28; Current Ration at 5.38; Quick Ratio at 5.00. School remains in strong financial health. Commandant has submitted application for Federal Impact Aid, it is in review process and we should know in a few weeks if NOMMA qualifies for the program. Annual Community Benefit Report submitted to NMTC entities.
 - b. Academic Report: Dr. Garcia; Winding down school year; had team compete in First Robotics national robotics competition for 1st time. Maritime Instructor and (9) cadets preparing to go on Tall Ships 2-week voyage from Galveston-Ft Lauderdale- NOLA; all have completed Delgado safety training at Maritime Industrial Training Center. Still need to complete FAFSA, but most parents do not want to fill out because they feel it is intrusive (40% have completed) – will not impact graduation, as will have waivers in place by then.
 - c. Athletic: A Senior Cadet has done exceptionally well with shotput and discuss in recent meets while only having started this activity for the very first time a few weeks ago.
 - d. Facilities: Col Schlafer; Added steel reinforcements on center beam of 2 sets of front entrance doors. Renewed FOG inspection certificate with SWB (annual requirement). Upon request from ADD, NOMMA faculty is now parking behind Bldg 101 vice across from NFCU due to complaint from NFCU. Lights have been added behind Bldgt 101 for safety and security; currently accepting multiple quotes for cleaning services; will review proposals and make best selection; NOMMA has reached tentative agreement with LSU Health foundation for paid use of fitness center basketball court for 2 hours/day after school; can also host home games in evenings for a higher rate. Working plan for placement of Gen John A. Lejeune statue on NOMMA Campus (donation from Mrs Phyllis Taylor); CMFR sent letter of complaint to ADD regarding condition of Fed City area; ADD responding to fix each item.
 - e. Security: Col Schlafer; Threatening writing was found in bathroom stalls (both boys and girls) citing date of March 6th date; notified local, state, and federal police who were on-site with heavy presence on 6 Mar; Commandant sent eMail to parents notifying of the writing and specific date of 6 Mar; There were no issues on 6 Mar; Security procedures adjusted outside and in response to threat, working well; took extra security measures, kept school open and continued operations despite significant absences. We have had a few instances of obnoxious writing since then, but nothing significant, and incidents have ceased in recent weeks; an internal, basic lockdown drill was completed on Friday 2 March, NOPD officers were present.
 - f. Development: Mr Peyton Bush; began capital campaign by establishing messaging and collateral, as well as list of potential donors; conducted initial meeting with Mr Boysie

Bollinger and received challenge grant for \$100K; challenge is 2:1 before we are allowed to go back to him for additional commitments.

4. Type 2 Lawsuit: Col Schlafer: LA Supreme Court ruled in our favor 5:2 three weeks ago. An information sheet was provided to members regarding the various types of Charter Schools in Louisiana. Col Ebbert mentioned potential PME for Board during Summer months to ensure the school is using best practices in all key functional areas.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Campus expansion: Col Schlafer discussed need to position NOMMA to posture NOMMA to move forward with campus expansion efforts once lawsuit between ADD and a former developer is resolved; drafted letter to send to Senator Carter, ADD Board Chair, to restate our requirements.
 - b. Renovation of additional leased space complete to support 8th grade – completed below budget cap.
 - c. Due to favorable ruling from Supreme Court that removes the uncertainty of fiscal support and continued operation for the coming school year, along with initial success of Capital Campaign, a Motion was made to move forward with build out of FCRC Suite 106 from Bush, second by Grace; all voted in favor; As a result, Commandant is responsible for moving forward with renovations of Suite 106 to provide additional classrooms and offices in support of 8th Grade to begin in Aug 2018.
6. New Business:
 - a. Upcoming events:
 - i. Awards ceremony: May 9th/10th; various academic and JROTC awards. May need to reconsider naming of or participation in the Sons of Confederacy award
 - ii. 2018 Commencement Ceremony: May 12th at Sigur Civic Center in Chalmette
7. Public Remarks: None
8. Remarks from Board Members
 - a. Carol McCall reiterated importance of Board education once we complete fundraising
 - b. Col Schlafer mentioned reaching out to Betsy Campbell as potential Board member
9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Staines, second Shinn; all approved