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Date Submitted: 1/10/2013 4:48:30 PM
Name: Alejandra Rosales
Employer: WWL CH 4
Referral Source: Friend
Expertise Areas: Marketing / Public Relations
Prior Board Service / Years: /
Motivation to Serve:
Preferences:
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Comments:



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Date Submitted: 4/19/2013 4:34:49 PM

Name: Tessa Jackson

Employer: AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust

Referral Source: Jeremy Hunnewell

Expertise Areas: Finance, Facilities / Real Estate

Prior Board Service / Years: Yes / 5-9 years

Motivation to Serve:

As a social entrepreneur with over a decade of experience working in real estate finance and small business development, I am passionate about using my financial and business acumen to help advance social issues in the larger community. Given the roles that education plays in our society and the charter school movement has had on New Orleans, I believe serving on a charter school board would be an ideal opportunity to use my background and experience to help my hometown move forward.

Preferences:

No Preference / Struggling (on authorizer watch list)

Comments:

Please forward my application to Jeremy Hunnewell for consideration for the Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans board.





Date Submitted: 4/15/2013 5:45:17 PM

Name: Alex Turvy

Employer: KIPP McDonogh 15 Primary School

Referral Source: Personal reference

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I am very passionate about my work as a classroom teacher and because of my experiences in the classroom and knowledge about educational issues, I believe that my perspective would be a helpful one in the governance and oversight work of a charter school board. I see my work through a classroom-sized lens most of the time, and I would like to take a step back and see education issues through a school-wide or CMO-wide lens.

Preferences:

No Preference / No Preference

Comments:

I have pursued opportunities already with the ARISE board and hope to move forward with the process of joining their board. I have also communicated with Jeffrey Fingerman of Teach For America about the possibility of working with the Lycee Francais board,



Date Submitted: 3/21/2013 12:35:10 PM

Name: Ann Meese

Employer: Retired School Admin.

Referral Source: Lycee Francais parents

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Finance, Communication / Public Relations, Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: Yes / 2-4 years

Motivation to Serve:

I have been asked by two different parents who I have known since I moved to this city to be close to my new grandchild in July 2005. I head the education committee of the League of Women Voters of New Orleans. I am a dedicated advocate of the strengthening of the New Orleans Public Schools. I strongly believe that each child, irregardless of race or class, should attend a school where all children will achieve and where the community and family are integral to the life of the school. As a retired school principal (Roselle #12 IL, Bosworth R-V MO, and St. Louis Public Schools MO) and as a retired Superintendent of Schools, I have interacted with parents, teachers and community leaders on a daily basis. I have read the newspaper articles on leadership and finance issues at your school and feel I have the expertise to advise on issues of Board training, financial accounting, and hiring and firint.

Preferences:

No Preference / Surviving (in good standing)

Comments:

I have a PhD in School Administration, received from the University of Missouri in 1996. I have a seven year granddaughter attending a different French Immersion Charter School. I have an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree in American history. I clearly understand the importance of the French culture in Louisiana and I value the opportunities of parents to participate in the formation of new charter schools.

As a superintendent of schools in Missouri I participated in the mandatory training of school board members and school superintendents. The responsibilities of a board should be clearly defined and board members should be required to have training, I currently serve as chair of the Rayne United Methodist Early Childhood Program Board. I am starting my second term and have served for four years.



Date Submitted: 4/10/2013 10:30:06 PM

Name: Autumn Snyder Harrell

Employer: H2 Law, LLC

Referral Source: Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools website

Expertise Areas: Legal

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I would like to serve on a charter school board because I believe that committed parents, dedicated teachers and an innovative school administration can work together to provide a quality education in a public school setting.

As a graduate of public schools, I know first hand the benefits a stellar public school education. As a member of the New Orleans community since my days as a law student, I also know just how instrumental a solid education can be. My "Street Law " experience in law school at Loyola in 2001-2002 provided me with a sad realization of what a lack of funding and interest in the public and charter schools could do to disadvantage children. As a lawyer now I see how the deficits of a proper education can trickle down to family law and criminal law related issues. As a new parent, I want the same educational opportunities that I had with a public school education available to my daughter. I want to be on the ground floor of the process that makes that possible in New Orleans- not just for my child, but for all children in our community. I am excited about Lycée Francais's concept and would be honored to be involved in its growth and development.

Preferences:

No Preference / No Preference

Comments:

I have been practicing law since 2005 in the U.S Virgin Islands, and since 2008 in Louisiana.



Date Submitted: 10/24/2012 1:41:01 PM

Name: Ava Alltmont

Employer: Architect, Trapolin-Peer Architects

Referral Source: Young Leadership Council

Expertise Areas: Social Media, Minute Taking , Project Management, Budget Management/Auditing, Architectural Design, Construction

Prior Board Service / Years: /

Motivation to Serve:

Preferences:

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Comments:

My experience as a project manager for large-scale architectural projects (\$50 million and up) has taught me how to to successfully work with many different personality types, work with many different ideas to achieve one goal, and how to make difficult decisions. In addition, I have 15 years of architectural experience that could be applied to any charter looking for guidance on how to expand or retrofit their facilities.

I moved back to New Orleans after Katrina to be a part of the rebirth of a city. I firmly believe that the key to solving New Orleans extensive crime problems lies in better education and I want to do what I can to be part of that change. Being the offspring of two teachers, I am passionate about education reform and want to bring whatever talents I may have to the table.



Date Submitted: 11/16/2012 9:35:21 AM

Name: Blair Bourgeois

Employer: UNO Foundations

Referral Source: 504ward

Expertise Areas: Fundraising / Grantwriting, Marketing / Public Relations

Prior Board Service / Years: /

Motivation to Serve:

Preferences:

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Comments:



Date Submitted: 3/25/2013 1:38:32 PM
Name: Christopher Land
Employer: Goodwin Procter LLP
Referral Source: LFNO's website
Expertise Areas: Legal, Organizational Planning / Leadership
Prior Board Service / Years: Yes / 2-4 years

Motivation to Serve:

I am interested in serving on Lycee's school board for many reasons. For starters, I have two step-daughters (Mackie and Evelyn Ieyoub) who attend the school. As a parent of two young students of the school, I have followed the school and its progress intently since shortly after its inception. I am passionate about the school's mission, and I want nothing more than to see it thrive and succeed.

In addition, I have a passion for public service. In 2009, I co-founded an international non-profit organization, Grow Movement, aimed at delivering free (expert) business advice to entrepreneurs in Uganda, Malawi, and Rwanda, in an effort to economically empower them to help lead their countries out of poverty. I have sat on the board of directors for Grow Movement for the past four years. During this time, I have helped build Grow Movement from a simple idea into a successful and rewarding reality. Indeed, recently we were awarded a \$288,800.00 (U.S.) grant from UK Aid (Department of International Development), and a \$45,600.00 (U.S.) grant from the Bulldog Trust to help carry out our mission. We currently have plans in place to expand to other countries in the near future (i.e., Pakistan).

I understand first-hand the time commitment that is required of a board member to ensure that organization's success. I am well-prepared to attend every board meeting practical, and to tackle issues and/or problems that Lycee faces at a moment's notice. In addition, I well know the ins and outs of a non-profit organization's financial and policy structures, as well as the importance of soundly maintaining both. I understand that, at times, there are bound to be grievances of students, teachers, administrators, and/or parents. However, I also understand that all such grievances can (usually) be handled swiftly and properly, so long as due process procedures and/or hearings are clearly outlined, in place, and followed.

Professionally, I have worked as a trial attorney for a large international law firm for the past ten years. At present, I work as a litigator for a large international law firm, Goodwin Procter. While I currently work out of the firm's Boston and New York offices, I have been given recent variances to work from a New Orleans-based office. My wife and children are residents of New Orleans, while I am a resident of both Boston and New Orleans. At present, I am looking to become a full-time New Orleans resident in the very near future. In the mean time, I travel extensively and often to the New Orleans area to be near my family.

Considering my experience with non-profit governance, background as a practicing trial attorney, and personal interests in Lycee's success, I feel that I can contribute a great deal



to the school as a member of its board of directors. I hope to gain a better understanding of public education in the New Orleans area, and an opportunity to make a great difference to the educational make-up of the city through Lycee's future successes. I do not sit on any other school boards, nor do I sit in any other elected position in the area.

Preferences:

No Preference / No Preference

Comments:

When I first married my wife, Ellen, we seriously discussed moving the children to the New England and/or New York area instead of keeping them in New Orleans. While many factors went into our decision to keep the children in the New Orleans area, one major factor was Lycee and its mission to provide, via a public charter school, the French curriculum to its students through high school. While Boston and New York both have excellent French schools available to our youth, they are both private and very expensive. Moreover, I believe the ethnically and economically diverse make-up embodied by a public school is not only better for our children, but is also better for our community.

In addition, I am a competitive sailor. I race on an international circuit, often with former U.S. Olympic team members, as well as with sailors who have sailed in the America's Cup. I am passionate about sailing, and the benefits of sailing on our youth. Considering the geography of the New Orleans area, I would love to develop a sailing program for the Lycee community that teaches the strategy, respect, team work, and water safety components of sailing to our children.

On that note, I played hockey competitively several years ago. It was through my love of hockey that I founded Tulane's club hockey team in 2001, while I was a law student at the university.



Date Submitted: 4/17/2013 12:14:41 PM

Name: Courtney Garrett

Employer: HDS

Referral Source: Alexandra Mora

Expertise Areas: Finance

Prior Board Service / Years: No / Less than 2 years

Motivation to Serve:

As a mother of 3 year old triplets and a life long resident of New Orleans, I am passionate about improving the education in the city. I am a CPA and have a strong financial background, covering mostly every industry. I have extensive experience with non-profits, including private and charter schools within the city.

Preferences:

Preschool / No Preference

Comments:

This application was in direct response to an e mail that I received regarding LFNO, Inc and their need for additional board members with a financial background.



Date Submitted: 3/14/2013 1:05:35 PM

Name: Daniel Pate

Employer: University of New Orleans - Project PASS:Upward Bound

Referral Source: Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools website

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Communication / Public Relations, Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I'm interested in serving on a charter board in an effort to become a part of the educational growth and redevelopment of New Orleans. I'm currently taking graduate classes at UNO and I think this would make for a great experience. I hope that I can contribute a voice from both the classroom POV and as a future school leader POV.

Preferences:

No Preference / Surviving (in good standing)

Comments:



Date Submitted: 4/10/2013 6:23:31 PM

Name: Don Wheat

Employer: Carr Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Referral Source: Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools website

Expertise Areas: Finance

Prior Board Service / Years: No / 10+ years

Motivation to Serve:

I have worked extensively with Charters in the capacity of external auditor, consultant, and facilitator. I enjoy being a part of the Charter movement and appreciate the great work being done.

Preferences:

No Preference / Surviving (in good standing)

Comments:

I am specifically interested in Lycee Francais as one of my former employees/friends is the finance director.



Date Submitted: 3/14/2013 2:37:25 PM

Name: Gaston Galjour

Employer: Entergy (Work) / Interested in Serving at Lycee Francais

Referral Source: Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools website

Expertise Areas: Finance, Communication / Public Relations, Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

As a parent of a student at Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans, I am interested in working to ensure that this school is a thriving entity in our community. French culture is a significant part of our Louisiana heritage, and since high school I have been interested in preserving that culture. Immersion schools such as LFNO are one our best tools as a state and city to preserve this unique treasure. I have an active home and work life, but am ready to have a committed role to serving my community - especially one that impacts the education of my children.

Preferences:

Alternative / Struggling (on authorizer watch list)

Comments:



Date Submitted: 3/17/2013 10:11:39 PM

Name: Gilbert Bennett

Employer: Lycee Francais

Referral Source: Young Leadership Council, Urban League of Greater New Orleans

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Facilities / Real Estate, Other:

Prior Board Service / Years: No / 2-4 years

Motivation to Serve:

My daughter attends the school. I hope to use my knowledge and experience in educational technology, and school operations management to contribute to the boards oversight of school facilities, educational technology and non-academic school operations (food service, facility maintenance, janitorial services, transportation, and etc). I hope to gain new professional acquaintances, additional leadership experience, and further insight into the operations of the school my daughter attends.

Preferences:

No Preference / Surviving (in good standing)

Comments:

As demonstrated in my resume, I have experience in school operations and technology. I have helped develop school budgets, negotiated and reviewed contracts, and assisted in streamlining school staff. Also, I have a pretty good understand of federal education funding programs.

I'm a lifelong resident of New Orleans, and want to assist in the development of high quality education programs.



Date Submitted: 2/21/2013 1:10:50 PM

Name: Malcolm McLetchie

Employer: Self

Referral Source: Lycée parents and supporters.

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Finance, Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: Yes / 10+ years

Motivation to Serve:

My interests in being a member of the Board are:

- As a citizen, I am convinced that high quality education for children is necessary for the advancement of our city, state, and country;
- As a grandparent, it is my desire that my grandchildren receive the best education possible to enhance their opportunities in life;
- As a taxpayer, I wish to see the highest quality education offered at the lowest possible cost.

My potential contributions include:

- Experience as an educator at the collegiate level; Thus, I am generally familiar with the issues that impact teachers.
- My service on the Board of Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR) provided familiarity and experience in dealing with issues of an elementary educational organization;
- Having served as a board member and as an officer of several civic organizations, I have the familiarity of the duties, responsibilities, and issues facing such board members;
- My years of business experience will make available to Lycée and the Board the skills and knowledge I have acquired in dealing with complex issues, as well as working successfully with people at all levels of an organization.

I hope to gain from the experience:

- The satisfaction of enhancing the educational experiences of the children;
- The enhancement of the working environment for the teachers and staff;
- My personal development that comes from involvement with other professionals.

Preferences:

Elementary / No Preference

Comments:



Date Submitted: 12/15/2012 1:29:03 PM

Name: Mari-Kate McEntee

Employer: ExxonMobil

Referral Source: 504ward

Expertise Areas: Finance / Accounting, Engineering, STEM outreach

Prior Board Service / Years: /

Motivation to Serve:

Preferences:

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Comments:

Employer: ExxonMobil, Chalmette Refining, LLC (2007-present)

Several roles in engineering and economics and planning

Registered Louisiana Engineering Intern; pursuing Professional Engineering License

Education:

Tulane University, M.B.A., 2011 (Professional MBA Program)

Concentration in Strategic Leadership & Management

Concentration in Finance

University of Massachusetts Amherst

B.S. Chemical Engineering 2007

Summa cum Laude

President, Society of Women Engineers - UMass Chapter (2006-2007)



Date Submitted: 3/26/2013 12:36:59 PM

Name: Mark Wagner

Employer: Louisiana State University

Referral Source: LFNO

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I am interested in serving on the board of the Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans. I am the head of the Arabic language section of the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures at Louisiana State University and I hold the David J. Kriskovich Distinguished Professorship. I am dedicated to the promotion of high-quality foreign language education in state public education.

I have experience as well in mediating between differing academic cultures, which is one of the challenges the school faces. I work in a supervisory capacity at LSU and I have written successful grant proposals. As the father of two young children who attend LFNO, I also have a vested interest in seeing the school flourish in the short- and long-term.

Preferences:

Preschool / Struggling (on authorizer watch list)

Comments:



Date Submitted: 3/15/2013 6:00:48 PM

Name: Roy Qualls

Employer: LA Air National Guard

Referral Source: Email from Lycee Francais

Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Facilities / Real Estate, Organizational Planning / Leadership

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I come from a family of educators. My father was a college professor with a Doctorate in Education. My mother was an elementary school principal and teacher for over 25 years, and my degree is in education. My daughter is a 2nd Grader at Lycee Francais, and I believe that my experience as the Commander of a Fighter Wing would lend itself towards helping a school become a better organization.

Preferences:

Elementary / Struggling (on authorizer watch list)

Comments:

As the commander of the 159th Fighter Wing for over 4 years, I dealt with budgets in excess of \$160 million dollars, with 500 full time employees, and 1000 part-time Airmen involved in a myriad of diverse missions. I'm accustomed to working in high stress situations under tight timelines.



Date Submitted: 4/15/2013 10:34:23 PM
Name: Sean Ransom
Employer: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Center of New Orleans
Referral Source: LFNO email
Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University), Communication / Public Relations, Other:
Prior Board Service / Years: No / Less than 2 years

Motivation to Serve:

I am interested in serving on the Lycee Francais charter school board because I believe in the school's vision of K through 12 language immersion using the French national curriculum. The school promises an excellent educational experience for the children there, highlighted by energetic and inspiring teachers and a treasured relationships with the French government and the Audubon Nature Institute. I would like to help the school reach the vision that inspired people like me who enrolled their children there before the school was even opened.

I believe my experience in mental health and educational assessment would provide a major advantage to the board. As a clinical psychologist, I have an interest in children's health and well-being. In the modern school, leaders must be able to fully understand issues such how to create and implement individual educational plans for children with disabilities, deal with modern forms of bullying, maneuver around the fast-changing roles of social media and electronic communication, and understand how changing social norms and family constellations can affect children in the school setting. Schools can only do so much, but understanding child psychology and child development allows schools to make strong, decisive stances against school violence, for example, without taking rash acts like expelling a 7-year-old boy who bit his breakfast pastry into a pop-gun, as one school in Maryland famously did earlier this year.

In addition, I have experience as a professional journalist with a master's degree in that field. I would seek to use my experience as a journalist to nurture positive relationships with Lycee Francais parents, faculty, staff, and the community at large by providing candor, transparency, and a non-defensive attitude. At times media coverage of Lycee Francais has seemed unfair. I believe in the role of a free press that, although sometimes adversarial, provides a form of accountability. I would seek to work with the public and the press in a way that encourages a full, fair understanding of the school. Such coverage, when complete, would necessarily have a more balanced view of the positive achievements that Lycee Francais is making in the community and the lives of its students.

What I hope to gain from the experience is the opportunity to help assure that there is another great school in New Orleans. This city still needs it.

Preferences:

Elementary / No Preference



Comments:

I lived in France for two years in the 1990s and speak fluent French.

In 2012, I founded the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Center of New Orleans, a mental health clinic that provides individual psychotherapy for adults and couples as well as psychological assessment services to children and adults. I continue to serve as its executive director and work as a practicing clinical psychologist. The clinic website is found at www.cbtnola.com.

In 2010 I founded the Arts in Medicine program at Tulane University Medical Center and organized a community advisory board there. I served on that board as chairperson for just over one year.

I have been a clinical faculty member at the Tulane University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences since 2009 and have taught university-level classes at various institutions starting in 1998.

My daughter currently attends Lycee Francais and is in first grade at the school.



Date Submitted: 3/27/2013 8:45:42 AM
Name: Sheila Sundar
Employer: Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans
Referral Source: Email from Lycee Francais
Expertise Areas: Education (K-12 / University)
Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

The core of my professional life is the belief that schools should be places of equity, opportunity, and deep engagement. I have worked for the past ten years in urban education, currently serving as the Director of Literacy for FirstLine Charter Schools. I believe that the decisions we make regarding curriculum, teacher hiring and development, and instructional practice have enormous implications for the lives our children lead inside and beyond our schools. I also believe that when these decisions are made with deep thought and honest dialogue, we can shape our children as intellectual leaders, critical thinkers, and engaged citizens.

When I became a parent, I discovered that what I wanted for my own child fell far outside of the educational norms that shaped the schools surrounding me. I realized that I wanted to raise my son bilingual. I wanted him to understand that he was a member of a local and global community, and that he had the power to contribute meaningfully to both. I wanted him to be part of a learning community that celebrated global awareness, compassion, citizenship, and the world of learning well beyond those measured through standardized tests. I came to see charter schools as places in which these ideals could be realized, because their vision was both shared and shaped by individual people who believed deeply in the schools' success.

I moved to New Orleans in December to contribute to the rich and dynamic charter school movement and impact student learning in environments that prized that above all others. When I drop my son off at school each morning, I still feel as though the opportunity that the Lycee offers is too good to be true. I encounter this same feeling throughout my day, when I am able to move our schools towards real progress in student literacy, and see the educational landscape improving for the children of our city.

The growth of our schools, and the richness of our children's educational lives, is going to be a constant effort. By serving on the board of the Lycee Francais, I hope to help shape and maintain the enormous vision of the school. I hope to serve as a thought partner as the school addresses the challenges and demands of the next several years, to ensure that we are able to preserve the opportunity that it offers, and to educate a generation of children who are uniquely positioned to further their learning and to give back as members of a global community.

Preferences:

No Preference / No Preference



Comments:



Date Submitted: 11/7/2012 9:54:03 AM

Name: Tod Everage

Employer: Kean Miller LLP

Referral Source: Young Leadership Council, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools website

Expertise Areas: Legal

Prior Board Service / Years: /

Motivation to Serve:

Preferences:

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Comments:

I grew up in Lake Charles, attending only public schools. I was educated in a great French Immersion program and hope to provide my daughter with the same opportunities here in New Orleans.



Date Submitted: 4/14/2013 7:36:04 AM

Name: Tristram Millard

Employer: J.P. Morgan

Referral Source: Lycee Francais

Expertise Areas: Finance

Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

My son will be entering Kindergarten this year and the process of applying to schools has been eye opening. I would like be involved in improving the New Orleans education system. I want every child to have similar quality of education with the belief that a strong education will afford a person unlimited options in life. I feel that we are on the cusp of really making a lot of progress with the schools and I would like to be involved in the effort. My time, personal/professional network and finance knowledge will be valuable to the right board.

Preferences:

Elementary / No Preference

Comments:

Ideally, I would like to be on the Lycee Francais board as my son will be attending school there. However, I am open to other opportunities if it is felt that I am better suited for another board. Thank you.



Date Submitted: 4/19/2013 11:52:45 AM
Name: Margaret Y. Bell
Employer: Bruno & Tervalon llp, cpas
Referral Source: referral
Expertise Areas: Finance
Prior Board Service / Years: No / None

Motivation to Serve:

I have four children in New Orleans Public Schools, and am interested in working with quality charter school groups to help continue to improve the level of public education available to students in this city.

I have strong nonprofit and accounting skills, along with experience in presenting/translating information to board members who are not financially sophisticated. I also have direct experience with educational audits and the federal single audit process, and would be able to provide guidance and interpretation of issues that may come up during or as a result of these audits.

From my board work, I hope to gain further insight into the financial and organizational structures of high-functioning charter schools. I plan in the future to work as the CFO of a charter school group, and I believe that any experience I obtain as a charter school board member will strengthen my ability to guide a school or school group in the future.

Preferences:

No Preference / No Preference

Comments: