

Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Nonpublic School Council was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Ms. Anna Larriviere, Chair. Members present were Ms. Marian Fertitta, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Dr. Laurita Guillory, Mr. Ed Hearron, Dr. Jan Lancaster, Sr. Carol Shively, and Dr. Melanie Verges.

Dr. Tom Middleton, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, and Mr. Bobby Welch were recorded as excused.

BESE members present were Ms. Connie Bradford and Dr. Judith Miranti.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) were Ms. Bridget Devlin and Mr. Ken Bradford.

The Board staff was represented by Ms. Shan Davis and Ms. Nina Ford, who recorded the minutes.

1 On motion of Sr. Carol, seconded by Mr. Hearron, the Nonpublic School Council approved the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2013.

2 On motion of Mr. Hearron, seconded by Dr. Verges, the Nonpublic School Council received the BESE response to the minutes of November 12, 2013.

The LDE provided the Council with a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Louisiana Believes – Nonpublic School Council – February 4, 2014;" a handout entitled, "TOPS Core, 2018: Dual Enrollment/Matrix Options for TOPS Core;" proposed revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding Programs of Study and College Diploma requirements; and a list of the courses removed from the TOPS core by Act 359 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session. Ms. Devlin and Mr. Bradford reviewed this information with the Council and responded to questions.

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- 3 On motion of Sr. Carol, seconded by Ms. Fertitta, the Nonpublic School Council received the report regarding the College Focused Diploma: Statutory Revisions, resulting from Act 359 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.
- 4 On motion of Sr. Carol, seconded by Dr. Guillory, the Nonpublic School Council received the report regarding the College Focused Diploma: Jump Start Initiative.

The NPSC requested more follow-up regarding the Jump Start Initiative, and also requested that the Council be part of further discussion and planning.

With no further business to come before the Nonpublic School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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