The Dallas International School Board of Directors acts as a working advisory board not to exceed twenty one persons with a single shareholder of the school, the Mission Laique Francaise (MLF), located in Paris, France. The MLF educates 61,000 students in over 36 countries. Currently, there are ongoing discussions with the parent company to reach an exciting partnership of independence with finances and local decision making authority. This new partnership will allow the Board of Directors a clear and present opportunity to strategically plan for an evolved mission and set of values that are representative of our loyal community, staying true to our global perspectives by continuing to be the only school in North Texas to offer both the advanced high school degree programs of the Bi-lingual International Baccalaureate and the prestigious French Baccalaureate.

As these discussions progress, the Board of Directors will use national standards from our local accredited agencies: The Independent School Association of the Southwest (ISAS); the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); and, the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) to guide all best practice in governance and to ensure the trust of our community. Our school will continue to partner every step of the way with the leadership of the Mission Laique Francaise and their accreditation process through the French Ministry of Education including credentialing our French National educators who prepare our students to choose “le bac” national examinations for their entrance to selective French and international universities. The Board of Directors will continue to grow the International Baccalaureate and is pursuing opportunities to open a Spanish track as well as additional entry points into the school.

The Mission Laique Francaise will provide academic support in related areas and is entrusting the Board of Directors to develop this formal business model for the Dallas International School to be voted on for the academic school year of 2022-2023. As a vibrant community, we have much work to do over the summer to prepare for our exciting added responsibilities, and we ask for your help. No time commitment is too small and will vary based on committees. The six scheduled BOD meetings will take place throughout the school year and can be accessed via Zoom or Google Meets, but members are encouraged to attend in person. Most of the critical work will be conducted in subcommittees or in task-force with specific outcomes to feed the working strategic outline. Consider giving your time and passion to our mission of educating multilingual critical thinkers who believe in making an impact here and abroad.

The Dallas International School is a private Pre-Kindergarten through High School with a student population of 600 students on two campuses:
Churchill Way by the Cooper’s Aerobic Center for the lower school, and Waterview Parkway adjacent to the University of Texas at Dallas for the upper campus.

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How You Can Help

We are expanding our Board of Directors with internationally minded individuals committed to the following principles:
Focus on being a purpose and mission driven school
Stewardship of resources
Preparation and engagement
Cultivating philanthropy
Duty of obedience to board policies, local laws and ethical governance standards
Understanding the role of the individual member to support the Head of School through the implementation of the Strategic Plan

Characteristics You Have that Would Benefit the Board of Directors:
Restraint
Patience
Availability
Impartiality
Confidentiality
Trustworthiness
Innovation
Positive Enforcement

Focused Opportunities for Long Term Strategic Planning:
Change Management and Strategic Planning
Fundraising
Planned Enrollment for Upper School
Student Attrition
Faculty Attrition
Budgeting and Finance Vehicles
Risk Assessment
Diversity and Inclusion
Expanding Student Life
Easing the Quality of Life for Parents
University Attrition
Faculty Development and Coaching
UTD Collaboration
Endowment
Campus Improvements
Current Board of Director Committees

Financial Committee
Responsibilities

- Rolling three-year financial plan
- Crisis financial management plan
- Long term financial health of the school and executive approval of the annual budget
- Investigation of the creation of alternative revenue streams
- Authorize budgeting from strategic directives of the board to the Head of School

Governance Committee
Responsibilities

- Oversees the growth and development of the board
- Succession planning
- Board education
- Board/Trustee assessment
- Orientation
- Master Calendar
- Bylaws
- Reviews and Evaluations of Board and HOS

Development Committee
Responsibilities

- Sets the annual goals, monitors goal setting
- Actively raises funds
- Develops long term strategy for endowment fund and foundation giving
- Educates Board/Trustees about their role, techniques and engages all members

*Buildings and Grounds Committee
Responsibilities

- Oversees growth and development of school’s facilities and adjacent grounds
- Stewards the master plan and determines how assets are allocated to enhance the school’s physical plant and growth
*Risk Management Committee
Responsibilities

Crisis management planning (Covid)
Reviewing all internal and local policies
General liabilities
Code of conduct for staff and students
Student discipline procedures
Student safety
Emergency Management and Communications

*Task Forces and Special Committees Designated by Leadership
Responsibilities

1 Year Strategic Plan Post Covid
5 Year Strategic Plan
Developing Business Model for Future MLF Mutual Agreement
Head of School Succession Plan
Restructuring and Financing Opportunities
Legal
Audit Committee
UTD Collaboration

* Denotes Working Subcommittees not formalized in the 2019 Bylaws

Please note, the Board of Directors are currently undergoing change management and may move to task force committees that allow Board Members to directly work with staff, parents, and outside vendors in order to develop and feed the long term strategic plan outline currently being developed. For more information on how to positively impact our world through volunteering, please contact:

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