

YACA General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2009
Yinghua Academy
FINAL

Ms. DeGeest called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present

Tess Degeest, Todd Harmsen, Ana Ly, Wendie Lindberg, Coley Murphy, Sandy Norris, Ruth Straub

Board Members Not Present

Susan Green, Naomi Mueller, Jean Parish

There were approximately 35 Yinghua Academy parents in attendance.

Announcements – Tess DeGeest

Ms. DeGeest introduced the YACA board members. She introduced Betsy Lueth.

State of the School Report

Ms. Lueth reported that the state of Yinghua is great. The school recently received an \$800,000 FLAP grant which will help fund work on plans for expansion into middle school. She thanked Carol Ann Dahlberg for spending the day with Yinghua Academy staff. She noted that the school will be hiring a third administrator position, a Director of Students, Families and Community Relationships, which is posted on the school web site.

Presentation

Dr. Lien introduced Carol Ann Dahlberg, an expert on immersion language learning for young learners, Concordia College. Dr. Dahlberg's presentation was on the advantages and challenges of immersion education and how parents can help children succeed as immersion language learners.

Ms. DeGeest adjourned the meeting at 7:25.