



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 1999

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
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COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The Ecole Bilingue, the French-American International School of Boston, was founded in 1962 as Jardin d'Enfants and later was incorporated as Ecole Bilingue in 1965; and

WHEREAS: Ecole Bilingue has three locations, Arlington, Cambridge and a French correspondence course at Belmont High School covering students from nursery through grade 11; and has representation from 32 countries; and offers a bilingual program; and

WHEREAS: The Ecole Bilingue will be expanding its facilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations on the ground breaking ceremony for the Ecole Bilingue, the French-American International School of Boston to be held on April 14, 1999 at 3:00 PM at 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, MA; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Ecole Bilingue on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 12, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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City Clerk

To replace # 7

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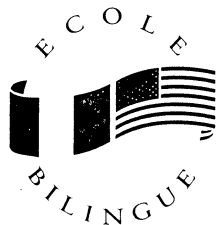
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THE FRENCH-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

BACKGROUND INFORMATION 1998-1999

History

Founded in 1962 as Jardin d'Enfants
Incorporated as Ecole Bilingue in 1965

Location

Arlington Campus – PreKindergarten through Grade Two
Cambridge Campus – Grade Three through Grade Eight
CNED Program – French Correspondence course offered at Belmont High School

Governance

Incorporated as 501-C3 non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

Current Enrollment

- Nursery through 8th Grade = 311
- 101 Preschool and Kindergarten
 - 166 Grades 1-5
 - 44 Grades 6-8
- CNED Program for grades 9-11
- 16 students

Current Families

201

Localities of Families

35 cities and towns

- ♦ Arlington; Belmont; Cambridge; Lexington; Somerville; Boston=65%

Nationalities represented

32

- ♦ France and United States=71%
- ♦ Others include: Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Great Britain, Haiti, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and Turkey

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Primary reasons for students attending the school

Parents from abroad have been sent to work in Boston

- ♦ Especially at major universities and high-tech companies

American parents want their children to have the benefit of a rigorous bilingual and bicultural education

Faculty

45 teachers

- ♦ From France, United States and 7 other countries

35 full-time and 11 part-time

Most hold advanced degrees in areas of teaching

Pupil-teacher ratio

8:1

Average Class Size

15

Tuition

\$8,225 - \$8,850

Program

Bilingual (all students above 1st grade must speak French)

- ♦ Not an immersion program for non-French speakers

Two curricula taught each day

School day - 8:30-3:15 or 3:30

School year - Early September through mid-June

French program

- ♦ Evaluated and accredited by French Ministry of Education
- ♦ Reading, Writing, History and Mathematics
- ♦ Strongly academic, rigorous, demanding, structured
- ♦ Prepares students for schools worldwide

American program

- ♦ Evaluated and accredited by Association of Independent Schools in New England
- ♦ Language Arts, History and Science
- ♦ Child-centered, developmentally based, intellectually rich and challenging
- ♦ Prepares students for competitive American public and private schools

Additional programs

- ♦ Art, music, physical education (taught in French or English)
- ♦ Latin and Spanish at the middle school level
- ♦ ESL available to all students who require this
- ♦ Drama, sports, art, chorus, Mandarin Chinese as after school activities
- ♦ Full day-care program

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American Secondary Schools Attended by Recent Graduates

Belmont Hill	Buckingham, Browne & Nichols
Boston Latin	BU Academy
Concord Academy	Milton Academy
Lexington Christian Academy	Noble & Greenough
Winsor	Local public high schools

THE FUTURE

In 1999-2000 Ecole Bilingue will move into expanded facilities on its Cambridge campus. These will allow for continued rapid growth with the school projected to reach an enrollment of approximately 500 within five years. The CNED program at Belmont High School will be terminated. In its place a high school honors program with three options will be added: the French baccalaureate; the French Baccalaureate with an international option; and Advanced Placement. The first and second grades will move to Cambridge; that campus will then accommodate grades one through twelve. Arlington will be dedicated to the "Jardin d'Enfants" preschool and kindergarten program and will enroll two more preschool sections. Over time a series of Jardin d'Enfants throughout the Greater Boston area will be added in order to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of parents who seek a bilingual and bicultural educational experience for their children. A French summer camp program will be introduced in the summer of 1999.



THE FRENCH-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BOSTON

THE PROGRAM

In keeping with its stated mission, as well as its purpose and objectives, Ecole Bilingue sets standards for excellence in its programs, its faculty and its students. The life of the school community revolves around the School's dedication to a French-American bilingual teaching, learning and living experience for all. The ultimate goal is for each student to complete his or her tenure at Ecole Bilingue fully prepared to enter the most challenging schools in the United States and abroad and to become an educated, responsible and informed adult. To this end, the School offers a complete curriculum in both French and English which integrates both the French and American educational models.

The preschool years are dedicated to a full immersion in French taught by highly trained native French speaking "maternelle" teachers. In addition, students are given an hour a day of English. This program offers non French-speaking children the opportunity to learn this language at an early age when they are most receptive to a foreign language. French-speaking children have an excellent opportunity to deepen and enrich their language skills in their native tongue.

From first through fifth grades the student's day is divided equally between the English program which encompasses language arts, social studies and science and is taught by English speaking teachers and the French national educational program which covers literature, history, geography and mathematics and is taught by French speaking teachers. Every effort is made to balance the French and English programs and to seek links between them whenever possible.

Recently the School has added a Collège which encompasses grades six through eight. The French program continues to follow and adhere to the strict standards for excellence set by the French Ministry of Education and the English program meets the qualifications of an academically rigorous American independent school. Subjects are taught by teachers who are highly qualified in their respective fields. Balance and connections between the French and English programs are actively sought as before.

In addition, all students from first through eighth grades are immersed in the arts. They are offered richly varied programs in the fine arts and music that are taught by individuals who are recognized artists in their own rights. Students in the Collège also participate in a demanding and innovative drama program. Through a strong physical education program all Ecole Bilingue students are encouraged to develop the attributes and skills which constitute physical well being.

High School students who wish to be prepared for the examinations administered by the French Ministry of Education may participate in the CNED program. This correspondence course, which is taught by Ecole Bilingue teachers and administered by the French Ministry of Education, covers French literature, geography and history as well as mathematics. Students who participate in this program are fully matriculated students at Belmont High School.

Carefully crafted after-school programs are offered to students on both campuses. Developmentally appropriate activities that capitalize on a child's natural curiosity and creativity are balanced by time for homework and outdoor play.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The School provides a variety of instructional materials that are designed to support its programs. A generous budget for materials is allocated each year. Teachers are encouraged to seek new materials that will further enhance and support their programs and materials are made available when curricular changes or supplements are made.

For the most part materials for the French program are purchased from France and those for American programs are acquired locally. In addition to texts, trade books, workbooks and other printed materials a broad spectrum of materials that will enrich the program and enhance the student's learning are acquired by individual teachers. Access to the benefits of technology and various audio-visual materials is widely encouraged. On both campuses the School is making a concerted effort to enlarge its collections of library books for the pleasure, as well as the reference and source work of the students.

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April 12, 1999

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

RESOLVED: That the residents of the city are urged to be cognizant of the groundbreaking for the French American International School of Boston.

That the City Council go on record
extending its congratulations on the
ground breaking ceremony for
the Ecole Bilingue,
~~new school building for~~ the
French American International
School of Boston to be held on
April 14, 1999 at 3:00pm at
31 St. James Ave., Boston, MA.

*Le Consul Général
de France*

Boston

April 2nd, 1999

My Dear Mr. Toomey,

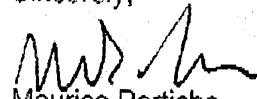
On the occasion of the Groundbreaking of Ecole Bilingue, The French - American International School, it is my great privilege to invite you to the ceremony that will take place on April 14, at 3.00 p.m.

I hope that you will be able to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing you on this occasion.

With all my best.

Sincerely,


Maurice Portiche

The Honorable
Timothy J. Toomey
State Representative
State House - Room 39
Boston MA 02133

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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 4/8/99

To: Donna Lopes Fax #: 349-4269

Phone #: 349-4260

From: Fred Cabral Fax#: _____

Phone #: 722-2230

Re: _____ # of Pages: 2

Comments: _____

Councillor Toomey

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To Donna / ?
Date 4-6 Time 4:33 ☐ AM ☐ PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Tim Toomey
of _____

Phone Numbers

Office _____
Area Code _____ Number _____ Ext. _____

Voicemail _____

FAX _____

Pager _____

Mobile _____

e-mail _____

☒ Telephoned

☒ Please call

☐ Returned your call

☐ Called to see you

☐ Wants to see you

☐ Will call again

☐ URGENT

Message

Has anyone put in an order

on the grounds breaking for

the French American International
School of ~~Business~~ Boston



AMPAD
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Operator

Doris

Reorder
#23-006



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In City Council April 12, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED