

Fifa Final report

August 2011 to May 2012

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Accomplishments of the year

◆ Lobbying towards MDPS

- ◆ French consulate and FIPA met several times with MDPS in order to get 2 extra teachers (budget cuts that had occurred 2 years ago, which had been replaced by budget from France which had been cut for this school year).
- ◆ As a result of this “lobbying”, 2 extra positions were created by the Dade: 1 at Sunset, 1 at Coconut Grove.

Accomplishments of the year

◆ **Training session for Faculty**

- ◆ FIPA decided to finance a training curriculum for the French teachers within the 4 schools.

◆ Method:

- ◆ Proposal by the head of French department in each school
- ◆ Pedagogical approval by Frederic Bernerd
- ◆ Paid by FIPA

Accomplishments of the year

- ◆ **Provision of tutoring at ISCHS for the 8th grade level**

- ◆ FIPA funded tutoring at ISCHS for 8th graders as the students needed help to work on CNED (on line teaching).

- ◆ **Provision of extra hour teacher at Sunset at 2nd grade level**

- ◆ FIPA funded an extra hour for a teacher at Sunset. The way the schedule had been designed made it necessary to add an extra hour to the teacher's schedule in order to better serve the 2nd graders in a small class setting.

Accomplishments of the year

- ◆ **Funding renewal of books in Carver**
 - ◆ We provided \$ 2,000 to renew books (they had not been changed since 2001) and helped the school to get a better deal on their order.

Accomplishments of the year

- ◆ **Information resources for the parent community**
 - ◆ Creation of brochures describing the French program in each of the participating schools. These brochures are available for downloading on line (FIPA' s & French consulates websites).

Accomplishments of the year

- ◆ French Notebooks (“cahiers” to ensure children can write in cursive letters) were ordered by FIPA and sold at Coconut Grove and Sunset.

Accomplishments of the year

◆ Jules Verne support

- ◆ FIPA pays for travel expenses for Jules Verne teachers sent by the French Ministry of Education : 1 round trip (arrival & departure to / from Miami) + 1 round trip per year

Main events on Campus

Event / Date	School involved	Comments
Galette des rois (January)	Sunset, Coconut, Carver, ISCHS	Galettes were offered to every class room by FIPA Galettes were sold to the parents. % of the proceeds to FIPA (Sponsor = Franck Monnier)
Valentines day (February)	Sunset & Coconut	Unsucessfull – hard to communicate with parents on this topic
Francophonie (March)	Sunset : show by the children	Wrist bands offered by FIPA to the children
	Carver : lunch organized by FIPA & show by the children	Lunch is at no cost / no income. \$ 15 to attend to cover our cost (Catering by Thierry Catering)
International book fair (May)	Sunset hosts the fair – other schools invited on Friday night	Co-op with GIPA & SIPA. Creation of FIPA online bookstore.
Video club (all year long)	Sunset	Annual cost for families: \$15 for FIPA members \$30 for non-members
French book club	Sunset (3 rd to 5 th grades)	Annual cost for families: \$ 35

Main events off Campus

- ◆ Wine & Cheese
- ◆ Family Pic nic
- ◆ Gala
- ◆ And to come:
 - ◆ Story Time at Coral Gables Museum
 - ◆ Starts on July 14th