



The Founders Academy **School Board Meeting Minutes**

January 20th, 2016

Board members present:

Richard Hyotte, Sarah Frischknecht, Lenka Steiger, Kim Lavalley, Patty Humphrey, Kevin Ahern, Sharon Carson, Brenda Lombardozzi

Absent:

Kimberly Whitworth

Ex-Officio Board Members Present:

Maureen Mooney, Joelle Henry

Public Attendance:

Matt Southerton,

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

1) Public Comments

No public comments

2) Board Business:

Nominees presented themselves to the board.

Board nominations and vote on 2 open board positions (We have 3 candidates)

- Brenda Lombardozzi (see bio at the end)
- Lenka Steiger
- Kevin Ahern

Kim Lavalley nominated Brenda Lombardozzi for the school board.

***the board went into close session for little. RICHARD ADD!!!

Lenka was nominated for another term. Kevin Ahern was asked to leave.
Both Brenda Lombardozzi and Lenka Steiger were nominated for 2 years.

****Sarah Frischknecht motioned for Lenka Steiger to stay as secretary for the board. Kim Lavalley seconded. All in favor. ****

Nominations and Election of Committee Chairs

- Finance Kim Lavalley as chair.
- Outreach Brenda Lombardozzi as chair.
- Policy Kim Lavalley as chair.

Richard Hyotte informed the board about potential abduction during a morning bus run. The authorities and the family of a child was informed immediately and the school handled everything well and quickly.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes from November's Board Meeting

****Sarah Frischknecht motioned to approve November board meeting minutes. Sharon Carson seconded. All voted in favor. ****

4) Dean's Report

1. **Admissions:** To date, Founders continues to double the number of applications in progress it had last year at this time. Last open house was January 19th. About 100 people, 35 families came. Miss Joelle Henry and Julian Henry were as guest speakers. The application deadline is January 29th, 2016.
2. **Teacher Updates:** Mrs. Lopez returned after the holiday break. Three part-time employees signed extended employment agreements. Full faculty meetings are being held to discuss school-wide topics including mastery, advisory, character grading, writing across the curriculum, and other topics.
3. **Executive Councilor Chris Sununu Visit:** Executive Councilor Chris Sununu visited the school on December 8, 2015.
4. **U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte Visit:** U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte visited the school on January 7, 2016.
5. **Annual Fund:** The Annual Fund began on “Giving Tuesday” via email, social media, and parent newsletter.
6. **School Library:** Grand Opening took place on November 24, 2015, and will have its own page on the web site. Students are required to apply for a “job” to help out. They need to fill out full job application including references.
7. **Enterprise City:** Mrs. Weigler entered Founders in a raffle in which the school won a scholarship for up to 80 students to participate in the program at no cost (transportation not included). Tentative date of the trip is March 30, 2016 coordinated by Ms. Eframson.
8. **Charity:** The Random Acts of Kindness Club collected over 3,000 food items for Liberty House (homeless veterans) as well as Giving Tree gifts in December; Lopez Advisory (with the help of Dean Mooney) collected games and craft supplies for CHaD.
9. **Volunteer(s) of the Quarter:** The Founders will recognize Volunteer(s) of the Quarter.
10. **Field Trips:** “A Christmas Carol” at the Palace Theatre in December; February trip to Vertical Dreams for 9th graders; Enterprise City in March; Shakespeare Folio at Currier Gallery of Art in April.
11. **Safety Committee:** The school conducted a lockdown drill during the change of classes.
12. **Curriculum Committee:** The Committee has started to plan for the next school year in the subjects of History, English, Foreign Language, Technology. Mr. Van Ewyk chairs the committee.
13. **Scheduling Committee:** The Committee has started to plan for the next school year. Mr. McKenzie chairs the committee.
14. **FIRST LEGO League and Recycling:** Parent volunteers advised two teams for FIRST Lego League. Two recycling programs established at Founders as part of their projects.
15. **Copiers:** The Anson Family obtained two donated copiers for the school delivered on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

6) Faculty Report:

Miss Henry talked about teachers working on morning advisories, soon to be called “Round Table Discussions”. Mrs. Williams set a google document with links and resources for the teachers to help.

Midterms are going well but will need a better scheduling for the end of the year finales. The Founders has a math team that will compete next Saturday in a math completion in Bedford. All 6 students will be attending.

Teachers are also working on self-assessments.

7) Committee Reports:

- a. Outreach (A Founders family will be donating a car for raffle)
- b. Policy
- c. Finance

Motion to adjourn at 5.15PM

8) Next Meeting- NOV. 17th