

TFA Nov Board Meeting Minutes- Monday

11/16/15 at 4:00p

1) Public Comments: No Public comment

2) Review and Approval of Minutes from Oct Board Meeting

- Kim made a Motion to accept the minutes, Sarah Seconded it. All Favor

3) Board Business:

- Rick Mentioned that 2 Board seats were up for renewal in December
(Lenka and Kevin)

4) Dean's Report

- See attached

5) Treasurer's Report:

- The Foundation donated 15k to the school from the sale of the truck
- Loan of 170k will be paid back in full this week

6) Faculty Report Outline: Joelle Henry has been elected by the faculty to be the faculty rep to the board. (Faculty report is attached)

Enhancement of school's mission

New programs/projects

Curriculum & syllabus updates

7) Committee Reports:

- Outreach- Barnes & Noble night made \$873.66, update on Snow Shovel, Tiny Owl, Network for Good, Scrip & TFA Vendor night
Suggestion was made to have a thermometer in the lobby so people can see the progress of the annual fund
- Policy: N/A
- Finance: Meeting being scheduled

8) Next Meeting- Dec. 16th at 4p



Dean of School's Report

November 16, 2015

1. **Admissions:** To date, Founders continues to double the number of applications in progress it had last year at this time. The next Admissions Information Night is November 16, 2015 at 6pm. The agenda includes Mrs. Barlow and her daughter Ana as speakers. The application deadline is January 29, 2016.
2. **Teacher Updates:** Mrs. Steiger is the long-term substitute for Mrs. Lopez. Miss Griffin replaced Mr. Greene as a Science Teacher.
3. **Standardized Test Results:** Smarter Balanced and NECAP results from Spring, 2015.
4. **Annual Fund:** Plans to publicize the Annual Fund in an email and newsletter to parents, as well as a donation web page with PayPal on the website.
5. **School Library:** Grand Opening is planned for November 24, 2015.
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7. **Teacher Trustee:** The teachers elected Joelle Henry as the Faculty Trustee.
8. **Teacher of the Month & Student of the Quarter:** The Teacher of the Month is Miss Eframson, and the Student of the Quarter is Sarah Hardy.
9. **Volunteer(s) of the Quarter:** The Founders will recognize Volunteer(s) of the Quarter.
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11. **Field Trips:** Museum of Science for "Animation in Action" on November 18, 2015.
12. **Safety Committee:** The school plans an "Outside to Inside" lockdown drill.
13. **11. Curriculum Committee:** The Committee has started to plan for the next school year and beyond one subject matter at a time. Creating a challenging and rigorous curriculum is a focus. Mr. Van Ewyk was appointed to Chair the committee.
1. **Department Chairmen:** The Chairmen meet every two weeks to review procedures and practices interdepartmentally, as well as investigate disciplinary issues.
2. **Visit from Heather Gage:** Heather Gage the Chief of Staff at the NH DOE visited on October 29. Discussion included having Founders be a SAT location, centralizing data for charter schools, inclusion on "technical advisories," and other issues.

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Curriculum Committee Update for the Board of Trustees 11/16

The Curriculum Committee is meeting bi-weekly to develop a comprehensive curriculum for The Founders Academy. At our last meeting 11/4, we settled on the History progression for students through 12th grade, including the classes that would be required for graduation, class titles or names, and the order students will take those classes. It was also determined whether students would receive high school credit for each class.

History Progression for Founders:

<u>1- (usually an entering 6th grade student)</u>	<u>Ancient Cultures (and a short NH History course)</u>
<u>2-</u>	<u>European History 476 - 1800</u>
<u>3-</u>	● <u>US History I 1607 – 1860</u>
<u>4-</u>	● <u>US History II 1860 -</u>
<u>Present</u>	
<u>5-</u>	● <u>Modern World History</u>
<u>6-</u>	● <u>Comparative</u>
<u>Government</u>	
<u>7-</u>	● <u>US Law and</u>
<u>Constitution</u>	

● = required for graduation

So, there are five required courses for graduation in the history subject area. Most students, however, will get their first HS credit in their third year (8th grade). Students who do not master content in one of the history classes or start at Founders after middle school years will have to take two history classes at some point to satisfy the graduation requirements.

Please note, this list does not include any history elective courses. After the required courses in each content area are determined, the curriculum committee will begin to consider the question of elective courses.

The Curriculum Committee will meet again on 11/18 to determine the progression for English and the Foreign Languages.

Submitted for Board of Trustees 11/14

Greg Van Ewyk

Curriculum Committee Chairman