



The Founders Academy

April 18th, 2018 5:30 pm Board Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance - Liam Childers

Moment of Silence - for Barbara Bush, Mercier

Reading of the Mission Statement - Allison Ouellette

1) Public Comments: See Policy BEDH (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/HxVkb4>); 5:35pm

- Elizabeth Sanville - looking for some clarification about the Confidentiality Policy pertaining to FERPA and suggested some edits to the Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members.
- Rachel Sanville - we need to highlight that the curriculum isn't just about learning facts, but being open minded and learning people skills, how to respectfully disagree with others etc. We need to focus on the human element too.
- Patrice Benard - pointed out perceived budget issues.

2) Review and Approval of Minutes from March Board Meeting

- March 21, 2018 (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/yhorUd>)
- Sue Lawton motions to adopt the minutes, Bob Best seconds, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

3) Student Trustee Report: **See here:** <https://goo.gl/pVPFQj>

- Liam Childers presents.

4) Dean's Report: **See here:** <https://goo.gl/VdBRMT>

- Dean Mooney presents.

5) Treasurer's Report: **See here:** <https://goo.gl/DDHpqZ>

- Kim Lavallee presents.

6) Board Business: ~6:00pm

- Admissions
 - To date there are 154 applications in process. The 133 received applications are as follows: 86 in the 6th grade, 21 in 7th grade, 10 in the 8th grade, 9 in 9th grade, 5 in 10th grade, 2 in 11th grade and 0 in 12th grade. A total of 109 completed applications at this time. The total applications received continues to be ahead of previous years.

- Current Academic Year New Students Transfers (Sept 6, 2017 - April 13, 2018) Admissions Closed for Academic Year 2017 - 2018 - 32 students
- Admissions Acceptance Letters : 109 letters to students & parents as of April 13, 2018, 97 students accepted
- **Caitlin Davis-DOE Director**
 - Presentation and discussion regarding the ins and outs of state funding for charter schools. The presentation included various types of funding providing for schools and where charter schools may have some challenges. The presentation was well received by the board.
- Discussion regarding Outreach Committee
 - Kim Lavallee: We currently have an Outreach Committee, but with the exception of one fundraiser it has not done much. The thought is to turn it into more of an outside community outreach, instead of just internal to the school. We could use it for internship opportunities for the students and provide an avenue for students to start working on service hours.
 - Sue Lawton - this is imperative for us to get started on: community outreach doesn't seem to be as important to kids nowadays, and it's so important for them to experience it.
 - Sue Lawton agrees to draft description of the Outreach Committee for discussion at the next meeting.
- Adoption of Humanities Alignment (that was presented by Mr. Kline at the March meeting)
 - Kristy Ouellette motions to adopt the changes, Kristi Scarpone seconds, some discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
- Adoption of 2018-2019 school calendar (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/a4uhRK>) (Needs to be approved in order to submit to DOE.)
 - Mr. McKenzie presents, the schedule is pretty much the same as this year and we exceed the required hours.
 - Patty Humphrey motions to adopt the calendar, Barbara Comtois seconds, some discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
- Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/QzSzxR>)
 - This vote is on the 2018/2019 budget, not full 5 year budget as given in the Treasurer's report.
 - Barbara Comtois motions to adopt the budget, Sue Lawton seconds, some discussion; Barbara Comtois, Patty Humphrey, Kristi Scarpone, Kristi Ouellette, Matt Mercier, Robert Best, Sue Lawton in favor, none opposed, Kim Lavallee abstention, motion passes.
- Math Textbook Update (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/2EghFb>)
 - Presented by Croteau and Nichols
 - Some Q&A
- Discussion regarding formation of Personnel Committee
 - Would provide checks and balance on new hires, support administration as needed, aid in the creation of personnel policies and forms.
- Policies
 - Visitor Policy (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/iPzuV1>)

- Board/Employee Confidentiality Policy (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/n4KGQq>)
- Medication Policy (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/tURQDd>)
- Mercier/Sue Lawton - we welcome parent and student input, please review and give thoughts and reviews to the policies we are adopting, email clerk@tfanh.org with thoughts. The board will continue to review the Confidentiality Policy and Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members at next Policy Committee meeting.
- Mercier entertains motion, after proper consideration between now and next board meeting, to add these three policies to the consent agenda for the May board meeting; Bob Best motions, Kristi Scarpone seconds, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

7) Faculty Report: See here. (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/pJGijR>) (7:31pm)

- Gaumont presents.

8) New Business:

- none

9) Next Meeting May 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM

- Patty Humphrey motions to adjourn, Kristi Scarpone seconds, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.