

**The Founders Academy**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**



April 20th, 2016

Board members present:

Richard Hyotte, Lenka Steiger, Kim Lavallee, Patty Humphrey,  
Brenda Lombardozi, Kimberly Whitworth,

Absent: Sarah Frischknecht, Sharon Carson

Ex-Officio Board Members Present:

Maureen Mooney

Public Attendance:

Mr. VanEwyk

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The meeting was called to order at 4.00 PM.

**Board Meeting Agenda-Wednesday 4/20/16 at 4:00pm**

1) Public Comments

none

2) Review and Approval of Minutes from March Board Meeting

**\*\*Mrs. Humphry motioned to approve January minutes. Mrs. Lavallee second. All voted in favor.\*\***

### 3) Board Business:

none

### 4) Dean's Report

1. **Faculty Updates:** Teacher assessments are complete. "Intent to Return" forms have been returned. Final exam schedule is in place. Department Chairmen's meetings have started again, as have Department meetings.
2. **Curriculum & Scheduling Committees:** The Curriculum Committee has planned for the next school year in the main subjects and required electives. Mr. Van Ewyk chairs the committee. The Scheduling Committee has started to plan for the next school year. Mr. McKenzie chairs the committee.

Mrs. Van Ewyk presented curriculum plan.. TFA made requirements for graduating from the Founders public.

3. **Round Tables:** This month's theme in Round Tables is Liberty. Next month's theme is Teacher Appreciation Week and Self-Assessment/Goal Setting. The school celebrated John Stark day on the 3rd day of the month instead of the 4th, since that is spring break for NH.
4. **Summer Camps:** Summer Camps will run the weeks of July 11, 18, 25 in the morning and afternoons. To date, there are 15 unique sessions taught by teachers and volunteers.
5. **Respect Assembly:** The Student Leadership Committee created and performed a "Respect Assembly" on March 15-21 in the library for all Round Tables.
6. **Parent Survey:** An end-of-year survey to all parents went out via email on April 12. It is focused on the curriculum at Founders. The deadline is April 22.
7. **CAP Assembly:** On March 11, 2016 the Civil Air Patrol gave an assembly including student member speakers.
8. **Hiring:** Interviews and guest teaching continue for teacher candidates who will start on August 1, 2016.
9. **Teacher of the Month and Volunteer(s) of the Quarter:** The Founders recognized Ms. Griffin in March and Ms. Mote in April as Teachers of the Month, as well as Denise Violette and Valerie McAdams as Volunteers of the Quarter.
10. **Additional Founders E-Newsletter for the Public:** A newsletter for those in the community and outside of Founders will receive a condensed newsletter.
11. **Interns:** Founders has an intern from Saint Anselm College, and from National Able.
12. **Smarter Balanced Test:** The testing windows for 2016 are: March 29-May 6 for grade 6; and April 12 - June 10 grades 7 and 8.

Ms. Mooney pointed out how difficult it is to schedule all this extra time for testing. Ms. Marcotte and Mr. McKenzie spend lots of extra time creating schedule just for SBT. It takes extra time away for regular classrooms.

**13. Field Trips:** Enterprise City in March; Shakespeare Folio at Currier Gallery of Art in April; Science lake cruise on Squam Lake and Field/Forest trip in May; Washington DC trip and Great East Festival in May; Walden Pond in June.

**14. VIP Visitors:** Sen. Chuck Morse, the President of the N.H. State Senate visited the school on April 11, 2016; State Rep. Barbara Biggie of Milford visited on April 1; and Ovide Lamontagne visited on April 13, 2016.

- Situation about copies and copying. TFA has a contract with a copy company for 5 years. We are about to finish second year and we already exceeded original plan for 5 years. We are looking for more copiers.

#### 5) Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Lavallee reported we have accepted 79 students for 6th grade, 8 students for 7th grade, 4 students for 8th grade, 12 students for 9th grade (high school) and 1 student for 10th grade (high school). This is addition to our current 200 students.

#### 6) Faculty Report Outline:

none

#### 7) Committee Reports:

a. Finance:

b. Outreach: Updates

Second letter went out for Annual fund. About half way \$17,000 with pledges (total about \$24k). Pitching presidents with each advisory went well. As of now the students raised around \$500. Presidents club will be on display to show donations to the annual fund. Mr. Dobson designed a poster for the school.

Outreach meeting last night. Popcorn outreach on Fridays.

Additional books donated from Southern New Hampshire University.

8) Next Meeting- May 18th

**\*\*Mrs. Lavalley motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lombardozzi second. All voted in favor.\*\***

Meeting closed at 4:50pm.