

Approved Board Minutes

The Founders Academy
Jan. 27, 2017 Board Meeting

Call to order at 2:37p all present except Sharon Carson

Public Comment:

Patrice Benard: spoke about supplements for Writing and Math- Her email with links sent to the Board. She is also surprised the amount that teachers rely on the internet.

Reviewed and Approval of Minutes from Dec 2017 Board meeting. Motion made by Kim ,
2nd Sean all approved

Board Business:

March 17- This years Best Practices conference will be held at The Founders Academy.

Patty H. Brought up a volunteer group/ PTA. Board discussed it and that is why we have the Outreach Committee. Maybe we need to rebrand it. After further discussion we decided to have 1 or 2 round table reps that will be the liaison to volunteers. She also suggested holding an evening meeting once a year.

Dean's report:**Admissions:** To date, there are 95 applications in progress for next year. The next Admissions Information Sessions are January 18 and 25, 2017. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2017. Required Placement Exams will take place on March 11 and 18.

1. **Department and Committee Meetings:** Mr. Gaumont will chair the Curriculum Committee starting in January. World Language is now its own department (separate from Humanities) effective December 5. Mrs. Barlow will chair the department with Ms. Eframson as the vice chairman.
2. **Faculty Updates:** Ms. Murphy began the position of part-time Spanish teacher on December 7. Breanna Goodrich-Bundy began the position of English/Writing Lab/Floater position on December 12. Robert Theriaque began the position of Science teacher on January 17, 2017. Four teachers attended the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference, and one teacher presented on "Gamification & Badge Based Learning."
3. **Curriculum Mapping:** Teachers used November 28 as a professional development day to map their curricula toward subject area and department benchmarks.
4. **Teacher Assessments:** Teacher assessments are in three parts this year: self-assessments using Danielson's Frameworks Domain III (Instruction); in-class observations by Department Chairmen; and meetings with the Dean. The timeframe is between December and March.
5. **Mid-Term Assessments:** Founders is administering mid-term assessments on January 17, 18, 19 and 20 using half-day schedules with dismissal at 12:30pm.
6. **Planning for Next Year:** The initial draft of an org chart has been created, along with talks of scheduling and hiring needs. The school will hold a second annual Job Fair on March 8.

7. **Best Practices 2017:** The Founders Academy will host “Best Practices 2017” on March 17, 2017. This is a day for personnel from all New Hampshire Charter Schools to attend presentations, collaborate and network.
8. **Teachers of the Month, Volunteers of the Month:** Robin Smalls is Teacher of the Month for November; and Lisa Moore is Teacher of the Month for December. Jane Cormier is Teacher of the Month for January. Victoria Sullivan and Denise Violette are volunteers for November for substituting long term for Spanish. Chris Mikus, Amy Forcier and Kari Karwedsky are the volunteers of the month for December.
9. **Musical Concerts and Drama Productions:** Middle School Play, December 2-3; Winter Concert, December 19; Spring Concert, March 14; Band and Chorus Concert, May 30.
10. **Distinguished Visitors:** The House Democrat Leader State Representative Steve Shurtleff and Rep. Marjorie Porter visited Founders on December 2, 2016. Tom Raffio, Chairman of the State School Board, plans to visit the school Feb 1 and March 17.
11. **Field Trips:** These field trips will take place during the second semester: State House Committee testimony (January 10, 2017); Les Miserables at the Palace Theatre for French students (January 13, 2017); Chamber and Chorus 3 singing at School Choice Week reception (January 24, 2017); New York City for Broadway musical and sites for select levels of band and chorus (April 13-15, 2017).
12. **THANK YOU** to the parents who helped with the middle school drama production; the donors for the copier paper; volunteer parents for the Winter Dance; contributions to the art classes; and contributors to the Annual Fund.

Treasurer’s Report:

990’s review due on Feb 15th. Budget will be in March meeting. Tax filings were made within the deadline.

Faculty Report:

March 28th curriculum maps: teachers write down material they are covering. Purpose is to let everyone know what they are teaching. This helps to make sure we are teaching toward our Charter. They will also be working on Benchmarks for Mastery based on content and skills. As of now they have 17 electives that Teachers are interested in teaching.

Committee Report:

Outreach: Annual Fund is at \$12,464. A Fundraising Calendar for 2017-2018 is currently underway. The fundraiser at LaCaretta was discussed.

Non Public /Executive Session:

Motion was made by Kim L. (RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.) 2nd by Sean T.

Roll Call:

Brenda L- Yes

Kim L-Yes

Patty H – Yes

Rick H- Yes

Sean T- Yes

Board Chair Invited Dean Mooney to stay

Entered Session at 3:35p

(Non Public / Executive Session Discussion)

Rick H made Motion to come out of Non Public/Executive Session/ 2nd by Patty. All in favor at 4:05P

Back in Public Session:

Kim L made motion to seal the Non Public/Executive session- (RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.)) 2nd by Sean T.

Roll Call Vote to Seal Minutes:

Patty H-Yes

Brenda L- Yes

Sean T- Yes

Kim L- Yes

Rick H- yes

All in favor of sealing the Non Public/ Executive Session Minutes.

Rick H made the motion to ratify the pecuniary email vote. 2nd by Kim L- all in favor

Next meet on feb 15th at 7a