



The Founders Academy

Board Meeting Agenda-Wednesday 3/16/16 at 4:00pm

1) Public Comments

2) Review and Approval of Minutes from Feb Board Meeting

3) Board Business:

- Possible Board meeting time change

4) Dean's Report (see attached)

5) Treasurer's Report:

6) Faculty Report Outline:

Enhancement of school's mission

New programs/projects

Curriculum & syllabus updates

7) Committee Reports:

- a. Policy: 2nd reading DRAFT DDC - DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE
- b. Finance:
- c. Outreach: Annual Fund update

8) Next Meeting- April 20th

2nd reading of Policy

DRAFT DDC - DONATIONS ACCEPTANCE

The Founders Academy accepts donations, both monetary, goods and in kind donations from various individuals and entities. Donations of an individual or organization's time and labor are specifically excluded from this policy.

While all donations are valued by the school it is necessary to insure acceptance of only those donations that may not have a negative impact on the school for any reason.

Specifically (but not exclusively), donations that may be a burden on Founders:

- Older appliances
- Dated computers or related equipment
- Chemicals (classroom or cleaning related)
- Any item that carries a disposal charge for any reason
- Software lacking the appropriate licenses

Any potential donation must be evaluated by and approved in the following order:

1. The Founders Academy Assistant Dean of Finance
2. The Founders Academy Dean

TFA Policy Committee Approved:

TFA Board of Trustees Approved:



Dean of School's Report

March 16, 2016

1. Faculty Updates: Teacher assessments are in progress in three parts: self-assessments, in-classroom observations, and individual meetings. "Intent to Return" forms were distributed to faculty. Full faculty meetings are being held to discuss school-wide topics including mastery, advisory, discipline, character grading, writing across the curriculum, and other topics.
2. Curriculum & Scheduling Committees: The Curriculum Committee started to plan 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.
3. Founders' Web Site: Phrases capturing the school's mission have been added to the home page. "In the Words of Parents" and "In the Words of Teachers" sections have also been added to the web site.
4. "Advisory" to "Round Table:" Advisory was renamed "Round Table" and features a new and updated syllabus to enhance the school's mission.
5. Job Fair: Founders hosted its first Job Fair on March 9 from 4 to 7pm at the school.
6. Popcorn Maker: Several Founders' families contributed an industrial sized popcorn maker.
7. Subcommittees: Three new subcommittees were created - Professional Development, Smarter Balanced Test 2016, and Furniture.
8. 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.
9. Charity: Ms. Small's Round Table raised money for school supplies, and Ms. Henry's Round Table will be raising money for the Boys and Girls Club.
10. Teacher of the Month and Volunteer(s) of the Quarter: The Founders recognized Ms. Henry in February as Teacher of the Month, and Patrice Benard is the Volunteer of the Quarter.
11. Winter Soccer League: Parent volunteer Tim Filep coordinates and coaches an indoor soccer league, along with Ms. Efraimson. They play at the Bedford Sportsplex.

12. 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.
13. VIP Visitor: Jenn Cava, the Director of the Academy for Science and Design in Nashua, visited the school on March 3, 2016.
14. Best Practices: Faculty will attend the annual Best Practices on March 18, 2016 in Salem, NH.