

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

27 August 2024

Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1731

Moment of Silence

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner, R Payus, K Yencer, G Bailey Via zoom: K Palasia, H Contant, C Martin, R. Vascik (late), R Ott.

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: B Newman, Principal, B Wallace Commandant

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 23 July Minutes 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: R Vascik. WSFS banking statements in packet. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Transfer on monies from school's general account into WSFS account showing 356,994 total. Escrow withdraw made. No movement money in or out, except for USDA payment. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Principal's Report: B Newman. Submitted. Reported 435 total Cadets. FY'24 budget completed and presented in packet. Ongoing need to raise some additional revenue for coming year. Spoke about the coming Golf Tournament in October and asked for Board's help. Raised some \$15k so far. Noted no losses of staff or teachers this year.

Motion to accept Web Report of 30 June as presented, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

"Dashboard". No Report/Nxt Month

Commandant's Report. Submitted. Discussion about ongoing changes/reporting from Quantico and follow-on MOA's. Related – Quantico says schools need 100x100 drill pads. Noted SOC held this year from 12 to 15 August. Related to Induction Day, no response from USMC SGT MAJ attending. Discussed putting in Plan B for other potential speakers. Board members will reach out.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning and Development: H Contant – Reported on Vision 30. Discussion about the top 4 Strategic Goals for the school. Reminder for Board to bring 2 visitors for a school tour. Next Vision 30 to be set. Also reported about "Cigar for Warriors" event in Elkton MD, and request for FSMA support.

New discussion about changing the "Sustainment Fund" effort to a letter to all parents that have not paid their chrome book or uniform deposits. Chair will get list from front office and sign letter. Not sure how much money is outstanding from parents.

Marketing/Communications: R Payus – No Report.

Finance/Treasurer: R Vascik – Absent. S Kidner discussed an Endowment for next meeting.

Academic: K Palaisa – Reported good start to school. Some discussion about her pathway and aligning with “Skills USA” organization for help. R. Ott noted he had worked with them at Poly... good organization.

Board Governance: R Capitan – Absent.

Facilities: K Yencer. He offered that concrete has gone up and to do a 100ft x 100ft concrete pad is now about \$45,000, excluding dirt moving.

CBOC: S Kidner – Reported new member of CBOC will be attending in September.

Organizational Issues: S Kidner – No Report.

Motion to adjourn Board at 1838, 2nd Passed 8 to 0.

Next Meeting: 24 Sept. 2024 at 1730