

# First State Military Academy Board Meeting

24 March 2020

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, CONF CALL meeting called to order @ 1743

**Opening Statement by Chair Scott Kidner** - This meeting and all future meetings of the FSMA Board, until and such time the Gov's Emergency Order reference the COVID-19 Pandemic, and amendments thereof are lifted, will be conducted by electronic means. These meetings are still held in a manner that meets the public meeting laws that govern Charter schools. Additionally, the Board's website will be updated to show the means by which the public can join these meetings and relevant handouts as necessary. Finally, any Executive Sessions, if required, will be conducted separately, but all voting/action from the Exec Session will be done in a public manner as before.

**Board Members Present:** S. Kidner; B Newman, L Stapleford, J Berg, V Watson, H Reigle, R Capitan, L Gratter, C. Martin, K Yencer.

**Staff/Founding Committee Members:** P Gallucci, S Clark, B Wallace

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes presented for 25 February 2020. Motion to Approve minutes, 2nd, Passed 10 to 0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** WSFS banking statements for Jan '20 presented. Report shows savings account with \$175,246.63 with ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month. Reviewed deposit of \$200 from board member. Checking account has approx. \$6,682.74. The new escrow WSFS accounts were established. Payment into those escrow accountants will happen before end of FY '20 - by 30 June. Brief discussion about JA - we will hold issuing the \$500 Check until school returns on or after 15 May 2020.

**Finance Report:** Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Report attached. Spending is about 67% of final FY'20 budget. Revenues are based on "30 Sept Count" of 452 Cadets. Revenues have stabilized with estimate of \$4.500mm for FY'20. Revenues from the Districts are 100.7% to date. Discussion about monies uncollected from cafeteria and USMC for MI pay still ongoing issue. Discussion of expenditures including USDA payment, LEA grant spending. Transportation, utilities, fuel, and supplies are all expected to be much less this year due to school closing on 13 March 2020. Carryover for FY21' and 60 days cash issue reviewed.

Discussed the bus driver situation and paying our contractors through 15 April. We will re-evaluate for the 15 May pay. Concerns as to losing drivers since schools closed, not having enough when we reopen.

Web Report presented. Motion to accept Web Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 10 to 0.

**CBOC:** S. Kidner. Reported meeting on 19 March 2020 and reviewed the budget. School's financial position is strong and given reductions in numerous expense categories, carryover may be significant. CBOC discussed student travel before shut-down was over budget. Discussed the MI and cafeteria pay issues.

**Commandants Report:** Report Attached. Current enrollment at 452 Cadets. Discussion about cancelled Open House dates - with expectation of setting two dates in June to include a mailer. Enrollment is 223 cadets for FY '20-'21 school year so far. We have met the 80% by 1 April date. Discussed all coming events are cancelled. SMI discussed Quantico cancelling all JROTC events nation-wide. SMI discussed moving the SLC and SOC into August - 6,7 and 11-14 August respectively.

Commandant presented Mr. Jorge Young as the new FSMA Football Coach and PE instructor for next school year. Discussion - Motion to approve his hiring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed 10 to 0.

Commandant presented school Year '20-'21 calendar for approval. Discussion - Motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed 10 to 0.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Academic:** Chair Blair Newman and Ms. Stacey Clark. Stacey C provided a robust report on the school's activities to prepare for on-line learning - which went live one week after the closure of all schools on 23 March 2020. Provided details on work done by our teachers to develop and implement on-line education. Many difficulties to include various needs-based student populations that include 72 IEP's, 38 504's, and 76 poverty level cadets. Discussion on ending marking period this week, time and effort sheets for our teachers, and critical tasks completions for cadets each day to show engagement. Discussed SAT and makeups.

Blair N offered that DIAA is hoping to salvage maybe part for the Spring Season - and will wait another couple of weeks before rendering a decision on the remainder of the Season. If season is cancelled - all fees will be returned to parents before end of school.

**Communication/Marketing/Enrollment:** Chair Leslie S. Reported about the PSO meeting held on 12 March. Good turnout, some new parents with Cadets starting in Sept. and parents with current cadets. However, since the closure, all events have been cancelled or will most likely be cancelled.

**H/R (Open):** This committee shall be discontinued until call of the Chair.

**Facilities:** Chair Kevin Y. No report. Defer to next month. However, Kevin Y indicated they have tried to begin the paver project, but rain has stopped the start. Reggie C is still seeking donation of the base materials - nothing to report as of yet.

#### **Organizational Issues:**

By-Laws Update. Chair Verity W. No Report.

There will be a new “Teacher” rep at our next meeting in April. Announcement will be made soon.

**Closing Remarks** None

Regular meeting adjourned at 1911. **Next Meeting:** 28 April 2020, 1730, via Conf Call.