

First State Military Academy Board Meeting

28 April 2020

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, Zoom meeting called to order @ 1734

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. 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; L Stapleford, J Berg, V Watson, H Reigle, R Capitan, L Gratteri, K Yencer.

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

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes amended to reflect WSFS account amounts, presented for 24 March 2020. Motion to Approve minutes, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

Public Comments: None

Treasurer's Report: WSFS banking statements for Mar '20 presented. Report shows savings account with approx \$150,304.67 with ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month. No deposits other than interest of \$5.36. Checking account has approx. \$5,882.74. Escrow WSFS accounts were established. Payment into those escrow accountants will happen before end of FY '20 - by 30 June. Brief discussion about JA - no check will be issued until school returns.

Finance Report: Presented by Commandant Gallucci. Report attached. Spending is budgeted for 75% of final FY'20 budget. Revenues are based on "30 Sept Count" of 452 Cadets. Revenues are tracking as expected. Revenues from the Districts are 101.6% 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 below budget due to ongoing school closure for the rest of the year. Looks like Federal funds will be allowed to be used for expanded purposes. Carryover for FY21' and 60 days cash issue reviewed, with an additional \$100k by 30 June.

Web Report presented. Motion to approve Web Report, 2nd passed 8 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. No Report. Next meeting will be in May.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Current enrollment at 452 Cadets. Discussion about cancelled Open House dates - 2 new dates in June, 6th and 20th are set - these will allow for distancing and other CDC measures (if they are still in effect). Current enrollment is 244 cadets for FY '20-'21 school year so far. We have met the 80% by 1 April date. All

coming events have been cancelled. Lengthy discussion about Srs. Graduation - holding for 28 May - how to proceed with cars, recognition through Clayton, livestream, speeches, while holding to CDC requirements. SMI discussed Seniors turn-in uniforms, lockers, yearbooks. SLC and SOC moved to August - 6,7 and 11-14 respectively. Discussed new LTC from US Naval Academy joining the staff in August as a MI.

Committee Reports:

Academic: Ms. Stacey Clark. Provided lengthy report on the school's activities as to our 5th week of on-line learning. Overall good progress is being made every day. Some Cadets have not checked in as needed (about 24 cadets getting increased calls from staff). Discussed using letter grades - not P or F. Provided details on IEPs, and 504 activities - which is about 17% of FSMA's population. Discussed the "Teacher of the Year" ceremony coming next week. Discussion about summer school. Board offered to support Gift Cards, with support from the PSO, to give to each staff and teacher recognizing their efforts over these weeks.

Motion to approve \$2500 towards \$50 cards for staff/teachers, 2nd, passed 8 to 0.

There will be no sports for the remainder of school year.

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. No report.

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

Facilities: Chair Kevin Y. Discussed developer next door wants to use FSMA's driveway for hauling stone for their project. Approved and asked developer for 150tons of crush-n-run for our paver project. Kevin has not gotten a confirmation, but expects yes. Need about 200ton for the total project - Reggie says Brick Doctor is super busy, but if rocks arrive - they will get started. He also noted about another \$5000 worth of additional costs in materials. Next, discussed the farmhouse and proceeding on getting cost estimate on moving utilities, then demolition or offering to Clayton FD for a burn. Finally - outside work is being done by staff - football field is in great shape. Some trees need pruning/or cut down in the coming weeks.

Organizational Issues:

By-Laws Update. Chair Verity W. reported the first draft mostly removed all the "founding board" language, updated terms, but asked for a complete review and any changes to her prior to next meeting in May. Expectation to vote for approval at May Board meeting.

The new "Teacher" rep will be confirmed and on-boarded for our next meeting in May.

Closing Remarks None

Regular meeting adjourned at 1912. **Next Meeting:** 26 May 2020, 1730, via Conf Call.