

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

23 November 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1739

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner; K Yencer. R Capitan, H Reigle. Via zoom: K Stark, L Gratteri,

Special Guest: Dave McGuigan CM

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci

Motion to Approve Agenda, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 26 October minutes, 2nd, Passed 6 to 0.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: S. Kidner. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Minimal interest earned of \$4.25. Classy was paid. Numerous payments for construction work were paid and showing all current, equaling about \$23,792. Total in both accounts about \$310,451. Escrow accounts remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 6 to 0.

Finance Report: Commandant Gallucci. Provided updated Web Report and October numbers. Student count is 456. Most local monies are all in at 97%. Transportation costs will be almost \$500,000 for coming year. Noted that all meals are free for all students this year (reimbursed by federal dollars). Spending for October was about \$147,000. Noted increase in utilities paid in October since Town of Clayton billed two months combines. Student transportation remains strong, IT professional services about \$3928/month, and mailer for the Open House dates of \$4897. Reported \$0 remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) and Cares Act II (ESSER II) budgets. ESSER III budgeted approx. \$722k. Spending will start soon with some salaries getting paid for in January '22.

Web Report was presented. Motion to accept, 2nd Passed 6 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. Reported a good meeting - covering some more analysis of spending. Overall, school's budget in good shape. Next meeting in January 2022.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Commandant reported Open House date will be 11 Dec qat 0900, with one more in January. We have over 70 applications in the system. Provided a review of various events coming for Cadets - to include Clayton Christmas Parade, and Christmas Formation Run with police escort through town. HITT Locker delivered. Raiders won State Championship for 3rd year in a row.

Discussed Minor Modification to DOE - change the total number of Cadets to 450. No action taken but will be discussed again at December's meeting as to whether we apply before 5 January 2022.

Academics - Pat G. No report.

Athletics -Pat G Reported basketball and wrestling have all started practice.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. Hans R reported on the new FSMA fundraiser application created by Classy is up and running and already made a donation. Said it was easy to use and provides good feedback. Discussed next “ring” outside of parents - broader community to seek support.

Facilities: Chair Kevin Y. Dave M (CM) reported significant work has been done on securing interior plumbing fixtures and “splits” for the office. Also noted movement on getting the brick finished for the building.. should be done in two weeks. Fencing completed. Reported all bills are current except for three more to be paid after the Thanksgiving holiday. Light poles around parking lot will be done by 1st week of December. Issues remaining are grading, finish rough-in of fixtures and install of splits, then all finish work. No decisions on heating for building. Fire Marshall inspection in mid-December.

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

Organizational Issues:

Discussed potential different approaches to Board Retreat. Also discussed waiting until new Board members are seated since we know Hans R is leaving by 1 January 2022. Will ask the board to consider evening or after Board meetings in a survey. Discussed a new Board member - Ryan Payus, who will be joining in January. CV to published before 14 Dec meeting. Also presented Rich Engle and Ray Ott as potential Board members. No decisions or formal introductions as of now.

Welfare Grant submitted 15 October 2021.

Closing Remarks None.

Meeting adjourned 1839. **Next Meeting:** 14 Dec. in Media Center.