

First State Military Academy Board Meeting Minutes

28 September 2021

Moment of Silence - Quorum present, in-person and Zoom meeting called to order @ 1730

Board Members Present: In-Person: S. Kidner; L Stapleford, H. Riegel, C. Martin, J Berg, K Yencer. R Capitan. Via zoom: K Stark, L Gratteri.

Special Guest:

Staff/Founding Committee Members: In-Person: P Gallucci, Col. B Wallace

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda to include Executive Session and Facilities Report earlier in meeting, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Secretary's Report: Motion to Approve 24 August minutes, 2nd, Passed 9 to 0.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: J Berg. WSFS banking statements presented. Ongoing USDA withdrawals totaling some \$24k each month continue. Noted minimal interest earned. Payments continue for construction work on maintenance building. Total in both accounts about \$303,400. Both the USDA front load check and the \$150k from the school (construction) registered. Escrow accounts remain unfunded. Motion to Accept Treasurers report, 2nd, passed 9 to 0.

Facilities (Moved up): Chair Kevin Y./CM Dave McGuigan reported. Construction projects slowing down, issues with getting vendors and commitments to do the work. Interior rough-in for walls complete. Electrical and plumbing, including holding tank burial - not starting until October. CM submitted updated total construction costs showing a potential under budget of \$314,000. New issues around heating garage space - will seek some basic estimates, but this will require insulation of ceiling and walls. Also discussed reducing slope from parking lot, fencing around yard concerns, and soil stabilization.

Reggie C offered some letters he had gotten back from Brick Doctor, PaverArt and EP Henry from their visit with the school on Induction Day. They were impressed and Reggie was pleased to read some of their comments to him about FSMA.

Finance Report: Commandant Gallucci. Provided updated Web Report and August numbers. Current budget - originally based on 490 Cadets, yet current count is 458. Transportation costs look to be \$467,000 for coming year - more than last year. Noted a very high month of spending that includes construction support, liability insurance payment, and educational supplies. Also noted that all meals are free for all students this year. Lengthy discussion about reasons for drop-off in attendance. Commandant noted mostly 10 and 11 graders. Reported \$0 remaining in Cares Act I (ESSER) and Cares Act II (ESSER II) budgets. ESSER III budgeted approx. \$722k.

Web Report was presented. Motion to accept, 2nd Passed 8 to 0.

CBOC: S. Kidner. Meeting was held 16 Sept. Noted some issues internally with the FSF system not working properly, and therefore did not have a complete finance docs. Discussed FY22 preliminary budget presentation in October.

Commandants Report: Report Attached. Enrollment looks to be between 450 to 460 Cadets for FY'22. Three meetings are this week. SMI provided a review of various events coming for Cadets - to include Marine Corps Ball set for 12 November, Modern Maturity Center.

Commandant asked for a "Calendar Change" moving 11/5 to full day, 11/12 to half day, and 10/11 to no school. Motion to approve "Calendar Change" as requested, 2nd passed, 8 to 0.

Commandant requested Executive Session for personnel matters.

Academics - Pat G. No report.

Athletics - Pat G. No report.

Executive Session:

Motion to move into Exec. Session to discuss personnel matters and pay, 2nd passed 8 to 0 at 1855.

Motion to return to regular Board Session, 2nd passed 8 to 0 at 1905.

Motion to accept the resignations of the two teachers as noted and for reasons given, and to accept the hiring/promotions of the following two teachers for positions discussed: Kendra Dinuova, and Taylor Errickson, 2nd, Passed 8 to 0.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Marketing/Enrollment: Chair Leslie S. Update everyone on Annual Giving and new website created by Classy. Rollout has been delayed. Asked Board members for their lists of people. Discussed press release for Induction Day for other newspapers that should get it. No update on "Graduation Snapshot".

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

Organizational Issues:

Discussed Board Retreat on Saturday, 16 October in the Media Center - starting at 0900.

Welfare Grant will be submitted by 15 October 2021.

Closing Remarks None.

Meeting adjourned at 1925. **Next Meeting:** 26 October in Media Center.