

Founders Academy January Minutes

Tuesday January 5th, 2021

6:00 PM

Location: TFA Library and

Zoom Virtual Meeting room: 364-176-9355 Password: 283725

Elizabeth Sanville's Personal Meeting Room

Meeting Start: 6:00

Introductions and attendance:

- Franky V.
- Jennifer Vesey
- Elizabeth Sanville
- Michelle Smith
- Nichole S.
- Tom Huot
- Michael Lawton
- Scott Perron
- Kimberly Lavalley
- Dean Hayes
- Susan lawton
- Jackson H.
- Maria Hawkins
- Joanna Marcotte
- Cassie McNelly
- Toni Cabral

Agenda:

- Motion to adopt agenda as written: Susan Lawton
 - Seconded: Tom Huot
 - Approval of the December Minutes.: Tom Huot
 - Seconded - Maria Hawkins
 - Franky V. - **Yay**
 - Jennifer Vesey - **Yay**
 - Elizabeth Sanville - **Yay**
 - Michelle Smith - **Abstain**
 - Nichole S. - **Yay**
 - Tom Huot - **Yay**
 - Michael Lawton - **Yay**

- Scott Perron - **Yay**
- Kimberly Lavalle - **Yay**
- Dean Hayes - **Yay**
- Susan Lawton - **Yay**
- Jackson H. - **Yay**
- Maria Hawkins - **Yay**
- Joanna Marcotte - **Abstain**
- Cassie McNelly - **Yay**

Dean Hayes' Report

- Great job to everyone this week. We need to transition for the rest of the week so that our students are safe and are still able to learn. We are weighing all of these factors and will try to get the students as much in the building as possible.

President Report

Elizabeth Sanville and Tom Huot

- Movie Nights:
- January 23 and 24 (end of quarter)
 - More time might be required to promote this so that more students can go
 - We want to make sure that this event will be as safe as possible, but we are hesitant to hold the event if not a lot of students will attend.
 - Parents were hesitant to let their kids go to the event due to safety concerns, case numbers were rising at the time of the last event, holidays also played a factor in this.
 - A lot of students didn't know about the event and already had plans by the time they heard about the event.
 - Don't put a lot of effort into this unless you know what the turn out is more likely going to be. Parents of middle schoolers are more likely to keep their students home than high school students. We should poll the parents before this event is held.
 - Lots of students are going full remote now because of rising numbers and safety concerns.
 - If we do polls, what is the line we draw the line at for whether or not we should hold the event, we should tread forward with caution if we do a poll because we have no idea how many people will actually take part in it.
 - Talked about having the students participate in picking the movie so that they have more of an incentive to go to the event.

- Other activities can be held at the event as well: for example, trivia
- We already paid for this
- Do we want to talk about this more as a group?
 - Is the event too soon (January 23 and 24)?
 - Possibly push the event back into Feb.
 - Some of the previous concerns could be brought up again even with the date pushed back so we should start building this up as a group.
- Membership is going to
- Regular meetings 1st Tuesday of the month
- We will have an email that will go out to the community once a month
- Executive board meetings at the end of the month, if you want something to be discussed at the meeting please email the board in advance so it can be put on the agenda

VP Fundraising Report

Cassie McNelly and Maria Hawkins

- Typically we try to do a restaurant night once a month but it is hard to do that now because of Covid
 - Panera is still doing this, so we are going to work with Sue Forsyth to do a Panera night
- We are going to start advertising for the Penny Wars, (Feb 4th - 12th) - for remote students they can drop off their pennies at the for their RT
 - Whatever money is dropped off, label it with whatever RT you want it to be added to. Be specific.
 - Possibility of every other day photos so that students can see which RTs they want to sabatosh or a live camera
 - If forwarded to Mrs. Marcotte she can put it on the Facebook page
- Drive by drop off on the 12th for students who were unable to drop off their pennies
- Family candy bingo night at chunkies the event will still be socially distanced and will follow covid guidelines, there are some really good deals for private rooms
- March Madness - For adults only
- Gift card fundraiser
- Meetings are the 2nd Mon. each month

Treasurer Report

Scott Perron

- No changes since last month

VP Membership Report

Michael Lawton

- 1st report - failed miserably
- Not everyone is on the PTSG FB page, everyone is welcome
- Another push for teachers, teacher appreciation
 - Evening where staff and significant others to some sort of catered vent with dancing **Staff Semi / Teacher Prom**

Committee Reports

Jackson Huot

- Senate Report:
 - Snow Sculpture Event:
 - 2/1 - 2/28
 - Students can make a snowman, snow creature, or snow sculpture (on or off school grounds)
 - Students can turn in their entry to the contest by taking a photo of it and paying \$4
 - Students can turn in as many entries as they would like
 - The contest will be divided into 2 parts: middle school and high school (teachers can participate by listing the grade of their roundtable)
 - Judges in the Senate will narrow down the entries and from there the students will get to vote for the winning creations
 - Winners will get ¼ of the money made each
 - Prize matching from the PTSG

New Business:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19th 6-7 Planning meeting
- Committees for the remainder of this year:
 - Teacher Appreciation - Toni Cabral
 - Activities committee / dances/ movies etc. - if someone is interested in heading this committee, email Tom or Elizabeth
 - If you want more input in these committees go to the committee meetings, your input will have the most effect - the times for these will be sent out.

Thanks to Mr. Tom Huot! Saved the school a number of headaches. He was able to get something that was required for construction within two to three business days vs. two to three months, and then donated it to the school.

If parents want to tell the school about their business so that we can help support our community and so that the school can reach out to them if there is need.

- We do want to have something for the parents to feel more connected, for new parents it is hard for them to get involved. What is a safe way to engage the parents in a non meeting format.
- We need to have a pulse on the community before we start planning any of these events so we don't waste our time or resources.
 - We need to find the balance between social and safe. We have generated polls and surveys in the past and we can pull that out again.

Next regular meeting: February 2nd, 6:00 - Location TBD

Meeting End: 6:55