

**FAC Meeting Minutes for  
September 28, 2021**

**Members Present:** Chair, Darius Mozaffarian, Gino Canori, Michael Cox, Alex Earls, Henry Hagenbuch, Rob Hale, Chad Lewis, Ian McGuire, Jim Robillard

**Board Member:** Chris Ericksen

**Others Present:** Michael McDowell, Superintendent, Carol Slender, CBO, Tom Piliero, Endowment, Ian McGuire & Chad Lewis, Foundation

Meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. by the Chair, Darius Mozaffarian

**Approval of September 28, 2021, Agenda:** Unanimous approval of the agenda as presented.

**Approval of June 8, 2021, Minutes:** No Action Taken- Minutes were not included with the agenda, therefore, deferred to the next scheduled meeting for approval.

**Approval of New Members:** Approved the new members: Michael Cox, Alex Earls, Henry Hagenbuch and Jim Robillard (Rob Hale moved, Gino Canori seconded, unanimously approved)

**Comment by Board Member, Chris Ericksen:** Thank you to all FAC members. The Board recognizes the time commitment and appreciates the meaningful work of the Committee.

**Ian McGuire and Chad Lewis- Foundation Update:**

Thank you to FAC for the assistance with the campaign. Would like to recognize and express debt of gratitude to Jim Robillard for making last year successful.

Lessons from last year: (1) Critical that we raise funds each year between \$1.4 - \$1.5M (2) How to utilize funds to improve programs/fund initiatives if we exceed goal (3) goal to raise \$400-500k more per year with new strategies.

Opportunity to talk with the FAC is important to assist with fundraising effort and to explore other options.

**Superintendent McDowell - School/District Update:**

Thank you to Darius for taking the lead on FAC. All programs starting back up this year, including Bear Families, Assembly last Friday, and Electives. Lowest turnover in staff in years – staff staying and serving our students. NWEA scores reviewed, and we have met projected growth measures. We are taking a deep dive into the data with staff and mailing to families next week. We are focusing on social and emotional learning and added a half-time counselor. Extremely proud of staff for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award. This is our first time receiving the award. We are finalizing our Strategic Plan and working on our 5-Year Plans for Deferred Maintenance and Technology. We have distributed the Rapid Antigen Tests to staff and families and have zero transmission and no modifications required. Back to School Night was a great success.

**Assignment of the 2021-22 Project List:**

**Niki Webster – Parcel Tax:** (Not Present)

Darius shared that this project is the most time sensitive and we will need to provide an update to the Board in November or December.

**Jim Robillard and Alex Earls – Foundation:** No comments made

**Jim Robillard and Alex Earls – School Budget:** Work with CBO, Carol Slender, to review the school budget and may want to attend Annual Property Tax Forum.

**Michael Cox – Generator/Solar Battery Backup:** Options for a Generator/Solar Battery Backup including financing options.

Michael McDowell communicated the primary reason for this project is to ensure that students are in school every day. We want to eliminate educational disruption due to PSPS. Would like to see 1 – 2 year timeline to provide proposal.

**Robert Hale – Liquidity Project:** Rob will continue this project (All funding sources available to our District) with focus on contributions from Endowment of other LEAs. Michael McDowell will provide list of schools/LEAs.

**Gino Canori and Henry Hagenbuch - Improve Service Levels/Ross Commons:** Review current MOU/JUA between Town of Ross/Ross Recreation and Ross School District.

Next Meeting – Planned for first week of November; time preference is 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.