



Director's Digest

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"I would say my greatest achievement in life right now - my greatest achievement period and I'm still trying to achieve it - is to be a wonderful father to my kids."

- Bo Jackson

FRCS Board Seeking New Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Foxboro Regional Charter School is seeking to expand the board membership and to diversify and supplement the skill sets of the current members.

The next several years promise to be exciting ones for the school. The school strives to continue to have a positive impact on the children and families we serve. The Board of Trustees will play a central role in this important work.

A primary responsibility of the Board is to participate in the development of policy and major decision-making at board meetings held each month during the year. Another key responsibility is to be active on an ongoing basis on a board committee. This year, board nominees will be asked to make that commitment before they are voted onto the board. Other expectations of board members include:

- ♦ Fully understand and be in agreement with the overall mission (as described in the School's mission statement), the educational philosophy, key policies and administrative structure of the Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- ♦ Attend regular meetings of the FRCS School board, which are each approximately two hours in duration. The board typically meets twelve (12) times per year. Be accessible for personal contact and occasional special meetings of the board in between regular board meetings.
- ♦ Provide leadership to board committees. Each board trustee is expected to serve as an active, ongoing member of at least one committee. This requires a number of meetings per year plus individual committee task completion time. Presently committees include: facilities, personnel, board development and finance.
- ♦ Responsibly review and act upon committee recommendations brought to the board for action.
- ♦ Prepare in advance for decision-making and policy formation at board meetings; take responsibility for self-education on the major issues before the board.
- ♦ Participate in the annual board director self-review process.
- ♦ Participate in the annual board development and planning retreats usually held in April and November of each year.
- ♦ In general, utilize personal and professional skills, relationships and knowledge for the advancement of the School.

If you are interested in being considered for a board position, please submit a letter of interest and a summary of your qualifications to the front office, addressed to the Board Development Committee. A member of the Trustees will notify applicants as the process progresses.

Board Adopts More Accessible Meeting Schedule

Staying with the "Board" theme, the Trustees have approved a monthly meeting schedule that enables the Board to conduct school business during the day, allowing more members of the community the opportunity to attend meetings, while also providing trustees the opportunity to witness firsthand the many activities that occur during the school day.

Please note the dates and times of this year's meetings:

July 8, 2008	7:00 p.m.	January 13, 2009	7:15 a.m.
August 12, 2008	7:00 p.m.	February 10, 2009	7:15 a.m.
September 9, 2008	7:00 p.m.	March 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.
October 14, 2008	7:15 a.m.	May 12, 2009	7:00 p.m.
December 9, 2008	7:00 p.m.	June 9, 2009	7:15 a.m.

As you can see, there are no regular board meetings scheduled during the months of November and April.

During those months, I meet with the Board in "Retreats" to focus on vision and strategic planning in November and to evaluate the school's progress in meeting annual goals in April. These Retreats also provide us an opportunity to prioritize and build programs and supports into the budget process.

Safety Drills to be Conducted Throughout the Year

As you know, we have a strong focus on academics, leadership, and service learning, yet we take the health and welfare of your children very seriously. It is our first and foremost responsibility as educators to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Within the next several weeks, we will conduct a lock-down/stay put drill. Similar to last year, the drill will test various components of our readiness and emergency management plan. These and other drills will continue throughout the year with the cooperation of the Foxboro Police and Fire Departments.

Breakfast Club to Kick-Off this Month

This year, we will continue the Breakfast Club, an opportunity to hear about the many initiatives and programs from me and other school personnel.

Come join us for coffee and a continental breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on the second Friday of every month, beginning October 10th.

- Mark Logan