



## **FCSS Board of Directors Meeting**

*Date:* June 21 – 22, 2019

*Location:* Lou Frey Institute / Florida Joint Center for Citizenship  
12443 Research Parkway, Suite 406  
Orlando, Florida 32826

Board members present: Peggy Renihan, Cherie Arnette, Chris Spinale, Lori Neubarth, Steve Masyada, Lauren Samoszenko, Robin Blalock, Kevin Smith, Emily Collins, Kris Scola, Scott Kaplan, Alana Simmons, Lori Dool

Board members attending virtually: Sharon Ortiz, John Burkowski, Tim Girard

Board member candidates present: Mike Collazo, Cathryn Goebel

### **FRIDAY – June 21, 2019 – 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

#### **Welcome**

**Peggy Renihan**

- Peggy opened the meeting at 7:35
- Board members introduced themselves
- Motion to approve amended minutes by Alana Simmons, seconded by Steve Masyada
  - Unanimous approval

#### **Budget**

**Laureen Neubarth**

- Members reviewed 2018 cash flow report

#### **Committee Reports**

- **NCSS Resolutions and Legislation Report** **Steve Masyada**
  - Holocaust resolution approved by the NCSS House of Delegates at the annual meeting of NCSS
  - Resolution regarding C3 Framework accepted in 2017, a special committee established by NCSS to review, Steve appointed member by NCSS president, Tina Heafner
  - State legislation
    - Separate financial literacy elective created by legislature and signed by governor,
      - Required to offer elective, but not required to take
    - Comprehensive review of civics benchmarks to reflect American Civics
      - Bill of Rights Institute, Hillsdale College, Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, and other groups identified in the legislation will be the reviewers of civics materials for Florida
      - No money tied to the review process

- Legislature passed, and governor signed, the recommendations of MSD safety commission for teachers to carry guns in schools
  - Whether teachers carry is voluntary by district
- Bill #1342 makes it easier to take dual enrollment courses (2.5 GPA) and makes it easier to participate in program
- Bill #1726 gives more control to parents in what their children learn in schools
  - Social studies and science course may be affected
- Executive Order #1932 requires a review and revision of ELA/Math standards
  - No mention of common core may be present

### **Award Updates & Voting**

**Chris Spinale & Alana Simmons**

- Professional Award ballot created, and link made available to board
  - Ballot open until July 6 (two weeks)
    - Kris Scola asked to be removed from Wilma Simmons ballot
    - Dr. Steve Masyada asked to be removed from JR Skretting ballot
  - Reminders will be sent to board to cast their ballot weekly
- Awards Committee, in conjunction with the management committee, has created a student civic leadership award in honor of Dr. Doug Dobson's work in civics
  - This is FCSS' first student award
  - This award will begin in the 2020-2021 school year
  - Criteria and sponsorship of award forthcoming
  - Directors will recognize a student from their district, who will then be evaluated by the awards committee for the top honor

### **Endowment Proposal – PD Institutes**

**Kris Scola**

- Kris Scola concerned board members are not submitting applications for historical societies.
  - Concern expressed over request by board to have greater involvement with endowment expenditures
  - Asked that board members think about worthy organizations
- Peggy Renihan asked Kris Scola asked to share ideas from the Endowment Board on how to receive endowment grant funds
  - Alana shared that not everyone knows about the Donna Genet mini-grant
  - Kris shared that to access: go to FCSS webpage, click endowment, go to funding page, and click mini grant apply now for a list of criteria to receive the money
    - \$1500 award value
  - Grant cannot be used to purchase published materials
  - Tim Girard requested the grant brochure be put on the website
  - Alana suggested changing name to grant opportunities for teachers
    - Ask Mark to make the change
  - Scott Kaplan recommended directors send the brochure out to teachers in their district
    - Recommend Kris and the endowment start doing sessions at the conference again
- Kris Scola shared that the Endowment Board was again looking at funding institutes
  - Board was asked to brainstorm ideas of how endowment funds may be

used for this purpose using its “Institute Worksheet” (worksheet available in FCSS 1906 folder in Google Drive)

- Announcement: Endowment members see Kris about Saturday morning meeting

Peggy shared Saturday’s meeting begins at 9:30

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Masyada, seconded by Robin Blalock

Adjourned at 9:15pm, Friday, June 21, 2019

### **SATURDAY – June 22, 2019 – 9:30 am – 2:00 pm**

8:00 am – 9:30 am *Endowment meeting (Endowment Board Members Only)*

9:30 am – 2:00 pm FCSS Board of Directors Meeting

Board members present: Kevin Smith, Peggy Renihan, Chris Spinale, Alana Simmons, Lori Dool, Mark Quintana, Kris Scola, Steve Masyada, Lori Neubarth, Scott Kaplan, Lauren Samoszenko, Cherie Arnette, Robin Blalock, Leslie Lee

Board member candidates present: Mike Collazo, Cathryn Goebel,

Board members virtually Present: Sharon Ortiz, Tim Girard

#### **Endowment Business & Report**

**Kris Scola & Mark Quintana**

- The new mentor session facilitator will be Emily Collins
- Kris shared Barbara Cruz has applied to bring another 15-20 students to conference, endowment is covering the cost.
  - Will regardless of whether or not student proposals are accepted for the conference
    - B. Cruz shared a number of students’ proposals have been accepted
- Endowment will not have a table this year at conference due to lack of use by local councils
  - May have a table at the poster presentations
- Functionality of how to get to the min i-grant and inclusion of the brochure will be put on the website
- Launching of the Hall of Fame Wall
  - Started about 10 years ago
  - Purpose is to honor social studies teachers as a fundraiser
    - Cherie Arnette and Terry Trimble asked to honor the director’s emeriti in some way
  - Cost is a one-time \$100.00 fee to support the endowment
  - Sally Day and Kris Scola are vetting committee
    - Sally creating an email to send to the director’s emeriti to let them know this wall exists, and to send information to Mark for inclusion on the website
    - Steve Masyada suggested creating a template (Google Form) for honorees to fill in to create narrative
  - Mark Quintana shared the digital wall format with board
    - Methods of linking, paying, logistics shared
  - Leslie Lee suggested rotating images as a highlighting feature on the webpage
  - Peggy asked if there is an additional cost to highlight the wall on the FCSS webpage
    - Mark shared that isn’t the case with this site, used to be with the old platform

- Kris shared if a cost does end up being incurred, the endowment would cover that cost
- Peggy also suggested changing language from in perpetuity to a “one-time fee”
- Peggy expressed concern over the graphics and language of wall page. It doesn’t “feel” special enough
  - Not a limitation of Star Chapter
  - Toying with alternatives
  - Board present supported the recommended suggestions
- Cherie expressed concern over the language “class of”, should be used for those the board recognizes, not those paying \$100.00 for the “education dedication”
- Tim Girard suggested tiered pricing based on recognition
  - Have a cut off date if a rolling admission program
  - Maybe go high-tech, and then provide something tangible as well (certificate, pin)
  - Kris shared endowment board didn’t want to do tiered pricing because of its complications
    - This page is designed as a fundraiser and as a dedication for those who pay
- Lori asked if the money goes to the endowment, is that a tax deduction?
  - Leslie said she would find out
- Summary of suggested design:
  - Better intro
  - Click on application form, picture, and fee
  - Third click to director’s page
  - Fourth click to everyone else

## **Publications & Website Report**

**Mark Quintana & Leslie Lee**

- Conference page
  - Follow Star Chapter’s direction and build a template
  - Template tested and is working thus far
    - Allowed to keep from rebuilding from scratch, just carrying over and tweaking
    - Lots of work, but save time in the end
  - Mark has to increase membership dates behind the scene, but now Star Chapter has an upload feed, which may reduce work time
  - Payment’s were being declined by secure net/world pay
    - Mark reached out to Star Chapter and they shared all customers are having the issue
    - Star Chapter provided language to get it fixed, which it is
  - Steve Hammerman has a lengthy data base of 3,00-5,000 private school contacts
    - Issue is he wants to reach out and engage with them, but Star Chapter is not an opt out, not an opt in, so they would receive an email asking them if they wanted to receive FCSS emails
      - Not comfortable with that sort of system
    - Could use mail chimp, but that’s a pay to use system
      - Steve thought it might be more than a private school issue, may be more to engage with by sending these types of email
  - Kris Scola asked if this would be considered outreach?
    - Agreed it was

- Peggy shared you can only email 400 at a time through gmail, but may be an easier way to do it.
    - Have been asked to unsubscribe teachers, but it's not often
  - Peggy asked if it might be worth it to pay DOE for the list of all teacher email
  - Kris said job of district director is to conduct outreach, but having DOE list would be helpful
  - Peggy labeled this effort as a comprehensive campaign in outreach
- Trends & Issues
  - Trends and Issues coming back, Leslie Lee heading it up
    - Have received requests recently for copies of past articles
  - Leslie recruited two Miami teachers to be on the editorial board to reestablish Trends and Issues
    - Interested directors in helping edit, let Leslie know
  - Chris Spinale suggested bringing the archive of trends and Issues for others to review
    - Perhaps set up a booth or hold a poster session on it
    - Use the endowment to reach out to CUFA to have grad students submit
      - Would still under the auspice of FCSS
  - Lori asked if we could request presentation s to include as a resource for members,
    - Cherie and Lauren shared request was made, but not much came in from presenters
  - Tim Girard asked about digitizing archive
    - Leslie said it needs to happen
    - Suggested recreating the office of historian and having it be a project for them
  - Mark shared guidelines for publishing are posted
  - Kris and Ralph have finished the update on the ten year book (years 51-61)
    - Still working on the narrative
  - Mark would like board of directors to send in pictures and bio information to include on the board page for the website.
- Florida Standards Review Peggy Renihan
  - Executive order 19-32 requires an evaluation of Florida's math and English standards
  - Order requires commissioner of education to make recommendations to the governor
  - Timeline for sharing thoughts on change is short and fast
    - Timeline in google folder
  - Cherie asked, how does this affect me as a social studies teacher?
  - Now called content area literacy standards (CAL)
  - FCSS asked to be a stakeholder in the process
    - Board members who submitted recommendations were sent to ad hoc committee,
    - From there, recommendations evaluated and submitted to DOE
    - Emily shared that state has made it clear that no reference to common core may be present, despite the DOE form including a tab to click that reads, "no change."
      - Alana Simmons echoed this sentiment
  - Mark will send email again to all FCSS members (this will be the second send) that contains the link to provide feedback

- Steve shared that the Edcredible site has link that shows responses
- Membership Recognition Cherie Arnette
  - Cherie shared that in policies and procedures there is a component to recognize long time FCSS members who have retired and might be honored as members emeriti
    - Names must be submitted to management committee 10 days in advance
      - Regina Stuck (Miami-Dade)
      - Virginia Parra (Marion)
      - Connie Brown (Escambia)
      - Maureen Carter (Palm Beach)
    - Entails lifetime members for these individuals should board approve nominees
    - Would be recognized at awards ceremony in October
  - Cherie made a motion to make these four individuals members emeriti
  - Kris Scola seconded motion
  - Peggy called discussion
    - No discussion'
  - Unanimous vote by board members present
  - Cherie Arnette will notify recipients
- Board Member Collaboration All Board Members
  - Scott shared that Dr. Susan McManus will be keynote at conference
  - Scott also shared that the theme is a huge hit with teachers submitting proposals
    - Teachers tied their session topic to the conference theme
  - Peggy broke directors into the following groups:
 

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| FCSS <i>More than the Conference</i> | Peggy         |
| ○ Publications                       | Leslie & Mark |
| ○ NCSS Resolutions                   | Steve Masyada |
| ○ Conference                         | Scott Kaplan  |

    - Committee Work – Lead By
      - Sessions & Speakers – Scott & Cherie
      - Exhibits & Hospitality – Peggy & Terry
      - Program – Deborah & Chris
      - Awards – Alana & Chris
      - Publicity and Recruiting – Steve

Meeting adjourned at 1:40