



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda –11-14-2023
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive, Room 106 (Music Room)
Indoor masks optional**

Our Mission:

The Franklin School of Innovation is preparing the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens. Through challenging academics, real-world learning, and community engagement, our students discover their potential, develop persistence, and recognize the value of others. Our graduates are ready for the future they will create.

Board Responsibilities:

We ensure The Franklin School of Innovation's compliance to its contract with the NC Department of Public Instruction, set and monitor the implementation of school policies, manage the school's annual budget and financial planning, and hire and evaluate the performance of our school's Executive Director. The Board develops and drives the School's strategic plan and provides appropriate governance.

Agenda Item
<p>CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg at 6:06 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Al Glicksberg, Jon Blalock, Jennifer Berry, Jim Davidson, Sarah Dickinson, Ashley Fisher-Tranese, Jamie Grob-Grinell, Rebecca Hecht, Melanie Stowell</p> <p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Al, Second by Sarah Vote: Unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting Motion by Al Second by Melanie Vote: Unanimous to approve</p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT This agenda item is included for the purpose of giving anyone in attendance the opportunity to comment on a non-agenda or agenda item with the</p> <p><i>No members of the public present for public comment</i></p>

Agenda Item

Board. There will be a three-minute time limit per person. The audience is not to applaud nor demonstrate disapproval for the comments made. The Board may respond asking for clarification only.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Retreat - Nov. 18
 - Video conference with Tom Miller
 - Preparation information
- Committees
 - Executive
 - Board Development and Governance
- By-laws update

Executive Committee met; proposed a draft with revisions to Michelle. Michelle has shared with FSI attorney, who is reviewing them before submission to the state. We will vote in December, pending the approval of the attorney

Discussion resulted in an informal consensus for the annual meeting to take place in May
- Fundraising
 - *Annual Fund runs on Giving Tuesday, Board members should plan to make a donation. The goal is \$45k (which translates to \$65 per student). This is an important year because the state of NC is not adequately funding the budget initiatives we have adopted (transportation, meals, student services)*
 - *There was a discussion about a challenge match from the board*
 - *There will be live updates on our social media feeds to encourage giving at various intervals during the day (Tuesday after Thanksgiving)*
 - *The Board should donate by Friday*
 - *Ashley is planning a benefit Gala at "The Mule" on Sweeten Creek for MARCH 2 2024, \$50/ticket, goal of selling 130. Ashley is working with Rebecca Ward (part of Parent Crew) There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.*
- DEI Committee
 - *Have not met recently. Discussion will be held at board retreat about role of DEI committee*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report
 - *Treasurer submitted a report in absentia. Our final audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/23 was completed in October. The report showed revenue for the year of \$8,634,824, and expenses of \$8,214,025 for a surplus of \$420,799.*
 - *This surplus compares favorably with the amount needed to meet bond covenants of about \$110,000 for the fiscal year ended 6/2023*
 - *Numbers look good, but please continue to keep in mind that our budget is preliminary and will need to be amended once we receive final revenue figures from the state, county and Federal governments.*
- Budget update
 - *There are no proposed changes to the adopted budget at this time.*

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Summary of Activities
 - *Strategic Goals Report: Enrollment is stable.*
 - *Discipline Report for this month: more suspensions than usual. One large incident contributed to most of these. A group of students were roaming the halls and other areas of campus and refused requests to go to class and used inappropriate language to express the refusal.*
 - *The most common reason for referrals are skipping and inappropriate language*
 - *With information coming in from state, city, and county for allotments we are on track to meet our budget projections*
 - *Michelle submitted a Safety Grant for Cameras, Vape Detectors, and TCI training*
 - *12th grade math and 8th grade EC positions are going to be vacant in January*
 - *36% students have 3 or more absences within the first quarter.*
 - *Wednesday, December 13th is the FSI staff party 2-4pm*
- Policies
 - Support for Trans and non-Binary students
 - Michelle sent a draft policy regarding support of trans and non-binary students. Jim Davidson made a **motion to adopt a policy guiding treatment of Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Students at FSI** and all related events and activities associated with FSI. The motion was seconded by Ashley, **unanimous vote to approve**. The policy will be enacted immediately and there will be ongoing staff training related to this policy.
 - Criteria for how curriculum & supplemental educational materials are implemented at FSI
 - In line with state laws

Jim Davidson proposed an annual review for Michelle and developing a strategic plan. Discussion followed, and the consensus was that the board should consider these ideas in detail in the near future after the board retreat.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Motion to go into closed session made by Jamie, seconded by Jon, unanimous.

Motion to come out of closed session made by AI, second by Jon at 6:40 p.m.

Jamie motioned to approve new hire, Sarah second, **unanimous approval**

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.? Motion by AI, Second by Jim, Vote: unanimous vote to approve