



The Franklin School of Innovation Board Meeting Minutes – 1/12/2021

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 and Votes	Discussion
<p>CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, AG at 6:02 pm.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present: AG, DP, AH, ML, ABJ, BC, JGG, SR. KC at 6:10pm</p> <p>Staff: Michelle Vruwink Guests: Multiple members of the public</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Amended to note that Michael LePage will facilitate board communication section of the agenda. Motion by AG Second by BC Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the Dec Board Meeting? Motion by AH Second by BC Vote: JGG abstains; AG, DP, AH, ML, ABJ, BC, SR 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 item with the 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</p>	None offered.

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<p>Board may respond asking for clarification only. No action may be taken at this meeting on any issue raised.</p>	
<p>DIRECTORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Activities • Update on Enrollment 	<p>Enrollment for the current year is holding steady. Open enrollment for next year has begun, and there are some targeted marketing efforts. Early enrollments seem to be up for next year as compared to the current year at this point in the process.</p> <p>The school is on track with revenue and expenses according to the current budget. The PPP loan forgiveness application process was delayed as the school seeks out guidance on the process from the bank.</p> <p>Staff are submitting multiple grant applications to fund school activities and COVID response.</p> <p>The second CARES Act should include additional funding for schools, and more information should be available about that in the near future.</p> <p>FSI is undergoing a regularly scheduled federal program audit.</p> <p>A stakeholder’s meeting is scheduled, as well as info sessions.</p> <p>AP Government Class was featured in the media for their work to process the recent events in DC. Leslie Moffitt wrote a great testimonial about her daughter’s FSI/cross country experience.</p> <p>FSI got its MAP testing data back from testing in November. It does not show massive shifts in student performance as compared to last year. Students showed higher proficiency in reading than in math.</p> <p>At this time, the school is completely virtual with no students on campus; in deference to the high COVID infection rate. This will likely continue throughout January.</p>
<p>Communication between Community Members and Board</p>	<p>Board members discussed best practices for how to field communications from community members outside of board meetings. When possible, feedback should be directed back to the official processes in place to collect and promote community input.</p>
<p>North Carolina Access Fund Application - Discussion of weighted lottery</p> <p>ABJ makes motion to approve a weighted lottery and to form a committee to work out the logistics of how the lottery will function. SR seconds. Unanimous approval.</p>	<p>Weighted lotteries are becoming increasingly determined as a best practice to promote racial and economic equality among the student population. Weighted lotteries must be approved by the State Board of Education after the board approves and the school forms a plan for how the lottery would be conducted. A weighted lottery must give priority to economically disadvantaged students, and may give priority to</p>

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	<p>some additional categories of students. There are two typical ways to conduct a weighted lottery, either by two separate lotteries or by affording multiple entries to prioritized applicants.</p> <p>FSI is considering application for an ACCESS grant to promote access for educationally disadvantaged students. The grant will require a weighted lottery.</p>
<p>Title I and CARES Act Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community-engaged planning event 	<p>There is a stakeholder meeting next week to solicit input about school programming concerning Title I preplanning about structures and systems that FSI can put into place to better support all students, especially those who are educationally disadvantaged. Hoping to form a Parent Advisory Committee and to recruit additional information to the School Improvement Team.</p>
<p>Board Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising for New Building - Board Recruitment - Strategic Planning <p>ABJ motion to form a board development committee, ML seconds, approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Fundraising for the building expansion will involve both donations, grants and enrollment proceeds. Discussion involved the possibility of hiring an employee or contractor to focus on fundraising.</p> <p>The board will form a board development committee, comprised initially of Alisa, April, Michael, Al and Brian. April will chair The committee will review structural documents, develop a board skills/representation matrix, identify potential board members, and oversee a training/onboarding process for new board members.</p> <p>Discussion about strategic plan; possibly hold off until new board members are onboarded.</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION – Personnel</p> <p>Motion to enter by AH, second by KC, approved by unanimous consent.</p> <p>BC motions to exit closed session, AG seconds, approved by unanimous consent.</p> <p>DP motions to approve new hire, ABJ seconds, unanimous approval.</p>	<p>New EC long-term sub was hired/approved.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:36p.m.? Motion by AG Second by ABJ Vote: unanimous to approve.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
April Burgess-Johnson, Secretary