



The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Minutes – 11/10/2020 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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, AH at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chairman took roll of members present: AH, AG, DP, ABJ, JGG, ML, BC, SR, KC (6:15-6:45) staff Michelle Vruwink.</p> <p>Guest: Megan Moore-Hubbard, William Hove, Katie Washburn, Stephanie Hellert, Drew Fowler, phone-in participants.</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by ABJ Second by SR Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the October 13 and 19 Board Meetings?</p>	

<p>Motion by AG Second by BC 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 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 Board may respond asking for clarification only. No action may be taken at this meeting on any issue raised.</p>	<p>Meghan Moore-Hubbard, teacher, in meeting to observe.</p> <p>William Hove, spoke about decision to continue online learning. Felt the decision at the last meeting didn't adequately include student voices and thinks many students are struggling.</p>
<p>DIRECTOR'S UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of activities • Update on Enrollment • Update on COVID 	<p>Enrollment is stable at 647 students. Approved state budget allotment was 648. We had 7 students leave and 13 students join, so there has been a little mobility among the student body. Incoming students are often coming from out of state; losses are largely due to transitions to homeschooling. No disciplinary actions to report; attendance and student engagement are the recurrent issues happening now.</p> <p>The school is adding an instructional support position, who can also serve as a substitute when needed.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rainbow Community School High School Expo -Info Session (promoted on billboards) -MAP Testing (Mon and Tues before Thanksgiving), to be done remotely and organized by crew -12/1 Giving Tuesday; single day annual fund campaign. Will include Facebook live updates (telethon-style), themed challenge grants; \$25K goal. <p>9th grade theater performance online went well.</p> <p>Teacher Laura Hawkins was nominated for Golden Apple award by students.</p>

	<p>Prospective Family Fair was a great success; Addison Trull, a 6th Grade Ambassador was present for the entire event and has been present at every event of this type all year.</p> <p>Since we met last, ArtSpace Charter has resumed some in-person instruction (K-3) and will go to Plan B for grades 4-8 on 11/30. Evergreen will stay remote through the end of the calendar year, and to do Plan B in January. Francine Delaney is making decisions based on the County infection rates. Invest Collegiate has all students on campus in Plan B. Asheville City staying in Plan C through the end of the semester and will begin phasing in Plan B in January. Buncombe County and Henderson County continue in Plan B. 4 new cases students/staff in Asheville City Schools and 4 new cases in Buncombe County Schools this week; no current clusters. Current NC positive COVID-19 test rate is 7.5%, Buncombe is 3.7%.</p>
<p>POLICIES FOR BOARD REVIEW AND VOTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenway Easement & Permanent CO for the building <p>Proposal: Allow easement for greenway to run along Hominy Creek behind the school, authorize staff to sign it. Motion by BC, Seconded by AG, Approved by unanimous consent (via roll call).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to This Year’s Budget <p>Proposal: Amend FSI budget as presented by staff. Motion by BC, Seconded by DP, Approved by unanimous consent (via roll call).</p>	<p>Michelle submitted correct paperwork to the City to update the COs for the building. We need to have an easement document submitted.</p> <p>Budget amendments include using available COVID-specific funding which have specific limitations and reporting requirements; some small amounts of funding will revert to the state due to inability to use them as intended/required by grant regulations. Budget is projected at level amounts of state funding, adjusted for number of students actually enrolled. Federal funding for special needs students have been reduced. Title I funding was cut to charters this year. Staff received a \$350 bonus in October, as required by state mandate. Budget includes new staff member and the previously approved floors for Parks and Johnston buildings. The proposed budget has a modest positive fund balance.</p>

<p>BOARD PRIORITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit roles and planning for fundraising and outreach activities 	<p>Board members agreed to participate in Giving Tuesday, making donor solicitation calls and making donor thank you calls after the event.</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel • Legal <p>SR motions to go into closed session, seconded by BC. Approved by unanimous consent (via roll call).</p> <p>The board authorized Michelle to hire a new staff member for instructional support and substitute teaching. Motion by BC, second DP, approved by unanimous consent.</p> <p>AH motions to come out of closed session, seconded by SR. Approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>The board decided to devote the 12/8/20 meeting to public comment regarding future school reopening plans and to schedule a 12/15/20 meeting for the purpose of conducting regular board business and votes.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m.? Motion by AH Second by ABJ Vote: Unanimous to approve</p>	