



## The Franklin School of Innovation Board Meeting Minutes – 7/14/2020

### 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><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> The meeting shall be brought to order by the Chairman of the Board, PF at 6:02p.m.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b> The Board Chairman took roll of members present: PF, ABJ, AG, BC, DP, JG, KC, SR, staff Michelle Vruwink</p>	No amendments.
<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by BC Second by AG Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p><b>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES</b> Shall the Board approve the minutes of the <b>June Board Meeting</b>? Motion by PF Second by DP Vote: unanimous to approve</p>	No amendments.
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> 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>	None offered.
<p><b>DIRECTORS UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of activities</li> <li>• Update on Enrollment</li> <li>• Personnel</li> </ul>	Governor has announced that the schools will reopen on Plan B. There will be a mask requirement and the state will provide 5 masks per student.

	<p>Asheville City Schools is beginning the year by doing a week on/week off campus for elementary and fully remote for High School. Some other Charters are looking at a day by day rotation schedule.</p> <p>Enrollment is at 649, a slight drop from June. Some families are reporting that they will decide to homeschool. Consistent work is happening to build connections with families that are new to the school, many through virtual meetings. Mr. Fowler has given individual school tours. During orientation, all crew leaders will reach out to students to strengthen connections.</p> <p>Families have been surveyed about siblings, carpools and friends to try and coordinate rotation schedules to best accommodate needs and preferences. Staff are working on this now. 80 students are taking a fully remote option so far. Remote learning will include the same materials, instruction and crew as in-person learning.</p> <p>The school has purchased enough Chromebooks to have one per student. Teachers are also being assigned new devices that have the capabilities to host remote learning; these devices are on order. Wi-Fi access has been upgraded, and will be available in the outdoor spaces at school.</p> <p>Facilities are being prepped and repaired. Plexiglass is being installed to protect staff. 6ft distancing marks are being installed throughout the school, including outdoor spaces.</p>
<p><b>FINANCE UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Students and parents gave input about schedules. Task forces made recommendations about school operations.</p>
<p><b>REMOTE INSTRUCTION PLAN</b></p> <p><b>Motion to approve plan by ABJ, second by PF, unanimous approval.</b></p>	<p>All lessons will be capable of being delivered remotely, even though students will attend on an A/B rotating schedule. When students are physically present in the school buildings, they will access the same material with greater interaction and support from teachers.</p> <p>This is not a separately-staffed option; students will complete the same assignments/lessons as all other students, accessed through Canvas, and will be expected to check in for Crew and virtual class sessions.</p> <p>The plan will be distributed for input from families at the school.</p>
<p><b>RE-OPENING PLAN</b></p> <p><b>Motion to approve plan by ABJ, second by PF, unanimous approval.</b></p>	<p>The plan will be distributed for input from families at the school.</p>

<p><b>Staff may make a school closure (or transition to fully remote instruction) decision immediately in the following circumstances:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-if public health department recommends this move</li> <li>-if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19</li> <li>-closure or fully remote learning will last for 5 school days or less.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other closure/remote transition decisions shall be brought back to the board for consideration.</b></p> <p><b>Motion ABJ, second by PF, unanimous approval.</b></p>	<p>The year will begin in Plan B. The school has the option to go to fully remote learning (Plan C) if this is determined appropriate by the school. If a student tests positive or if a critical number of teachers determine they cannot teach in person, then the school may need to transition to fully remote to enable time for contact tracing and cleaning.</p>
<p><b>BACK TO SCHOOL POLICY – RETURN TO WORK ADDENDUM</b></p> <p><b>Motion to approve plan by ABJ, second by PF, unanimous approval.</b></p>	<p>Developed in consultation with an attorney. Makes clear the requirement that teachers return to work.</p>
<p><b>PARKS &amp; JOHNSON – NEW CARPETS?</b></p> <p><b>Motion to approve \$27,000 flooring purchase by PF, second by BC, unanimous approval.</b></p>	<p>Carpets in Parks and Johnson buildings are in poor shape, and this was a concern noted by new parents touring the buildings. Replacement cost is \$27,000. This is not in the budget.</p>
<p><b>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</b></p>	<p>No changes in teacher salaries. There is a \$350 one-time bonus. There's a new requirement for a mental health policy and training, 6 hours of initial training and 2 hours ongoing by 2025.</p>
<p><b>CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL</b></p> <p>Motion to enter by PF Second by ABJ Vote: unanimous</p> <p>Motion to exit by PF, second by BC Vote: unanimous</p>	
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b> Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.? Motion by PF Second by DP Vote: unanimous to approve</p>	