



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Minutes – 9/08/2020**

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/qqm-nkpg-skh>

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 6:03p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Co-Chair AH took roll of members present: ML, AH, AG, ABJ, DP, BC, JGG, KC, SR, staff Michelle Vrwiink and Stephanie Hellert</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by ABJ Second by BC Vote unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the August Board Meeting? Motion by BC Second by DP 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>	None offered

<p>DIRECTORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of activities • Update on Enrollment • Update on Results from Parent Survey 	<p>The school budget is based on 635 students, we currently slightly above that number. The state has not yet adopted a final budget; staff will present a budget update once more information is available from the state. 14 students have withdrawn since the beginning of the year, 10 of whom withdrew to do homeschooling.</p> <p>Demographics: 58% of students are male, 42% are female, 34% of enrolled students receive free/reduced lunch, 16% of students have an IEP, and the racial demographics match that of Buncombe County.</p> <p>There have been some issues with “zoom-bombing” and some students missing assignments. Middle and High School safety net teams are contacting students and doing home visits when there are problems with student attendance and work.</p> <p>Bolts Together nights will take place on Thursdays from 6-8pm; 100 students attended the first one. Onsite crews were successful outdoor events. Virtual town halls on 9/15 at 5 and 6:30pm. Back to school nights: middle school on 9/24, high school 9/29.</p> <p>500 Chromebooks and 4 hotspots are deployed (4 more offered but not effective). School is paying for some families to have internet service. FSI has a very small number of students to whom we cannot extend internet due to their location, so these students are offered some on-site time at the school.</p>
<p>POLICIES FOR BOARD REVIEW AND VOTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising and fees policy • Required professional development • Enrollment priorities • Title IX <p>Sex Trafficking and Child Abuse Prevention Program Policy recommended as written.</p> <p>Enrollment priorities will be amended to include priority for sibling enrollment when another sibling is enrolled in the same year (even if in another grade), and sibling priority for siblings of former graduates who have when the graduate has attended FSI for at least 4 years.</p> <p>Motion by ABJ, Seconded by DP, approved by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>A vote is not needed on Fundraising and Fees.</p> <p>Title IX; there are new legal requirements related to sexual harassment. A proposed policy was presented, questions were raised about the distribution of staff roles and the standard of evidence used in determinations. Staff will ask the school’s attorney for advice on these matters and bring information to the next meeting.</p> <p>Sex Trafficking and Child Abuse Prevention Policy was presented for consideration, no discussion.</p> <p>Enrollment Priority policy discussion: New state policy allows schools to give priority for siblings when one of student is accepted for enrollment (even if for a different grade). Additionally, sibling priority can be offered when their sibling has graduated (provided that the graduating student attended at least 4 years). The state allows priority for students coming from another charter school.</p>

<p>UPDATE ON COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers and discussion of transition to Plan B 	<p>We are entering our fourth week in Plan C. The board set a metric requiring the state infection rate to be at 5% or below for 2 consecutive weeks before transitioning into Plan B.</p> <p>The board reaffirmed its commitment to the previously adopted metrics regarding when to return to in person instruction. Discussion about whether to preemptively decide to stay in Plan C for a pre-determined time (like the end of the quarter or end of the calendar year). The decision was made to gather more input from school families during the upcoming Town Hall meetings.</p>
<p>BOARD PRIORITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit roles and planning for fundraising and outreach activities 	<p>Tabled for a future meeting.</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION –</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m.? Motion by ABJ Second by SR. Vote unanimous to approve.</p>	