



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Minutes – 3-14-2023
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive (new building)- in the 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, ____ at ____ p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present: Al Glicksberg, Bill Hansen, Jon Blalock, Jennifer Berry, Sarah Dickson, Alice Dixon, Jamie Brob-Grinnell, Beth Russo, Michael Lepage, Melanie Stowell, Allison Sturtevant-Gillam.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Al Second by Beth Vote: Unanimous vote to approve agenda</p>
<p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board Meeting Motion by Al Second by Michael Vote: Unanimous to approve, Beth and Bill abstain</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 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.</p> <p>No one present for public comment</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of Activities

Agenda Item

- 15 students withdrew in second semester
- My School Bucks
 - online portal for parents to deposit funds that can be used to pay for any related school expenses

Bill made a **motion to spend 13k on the My School Bucks platform**, Michael Seconded, Unanimous approval

- Annual review of technology policy

Jamie Grob-Grinell made a **motion to give Michelle the authority to spend up to 300k** on a theater and a courtyard, Bill Second, unanimous approval.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Nominating and Governance Committee -updates
 - By-laws - update -none at this time, still being reviewed
 - Allison and Jon met as a committee to discuss recruitment of board members.
 - Currently we have 12 board members.
 - Reviewed and distributed a survey of board members in order to begin a strategic recruiting process.
 - Collected 10/12 responses
 - Feedback included the need add a question about economic class
 - Put out a call for new members based on needs identified through the collection of data on current members.
 - Consider planning an annual board meeting and retreat to get a better handle on board development
 - Al proposed consulting an outside group to plan and facilitate a retreat.
 - Action steps:
 - Date for annual meeting/retreat
 - September Board Meeting is “Annual Board Meeting”
 - Board retreat to be planned for September or October
 - WNC Pathways - Allison will reach out
 - Al will contact another outside group
- Fundraising Committee
 - Capital Campaign
 - start with a feasibility study, Michelle will research
 - 2 people signed up to run the auction
 - cider event was good (stormy Friday Night)
- DEI Committee
 - DEI committee has combined with Access committee
 - Danae will facilitate a discussion at “We Need to Talk” event, will meet with committee to debrief; school community will be invited to a listening session (specific to FSI), committee debriefed again
 - Building Bridges “talk back” scheduled for April 25th at Evergreen (FSI is invited), FSI will schedule one and invite Evergreen.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

- Update on building construction & expansion
 - Tour took place on 3.14.23
 - Everything is on track; we need to sell the modular buildings soon and they need to be gone by June.

- Finances report
 - Plan to diversify accounts, ultimately keeping 50% of liquid assets in one bank and 50% in another.
 - With 4% return in one of our accounts, we netted \$6000 in interest. Plan is to maximize this earned interest when diversifying accounts.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Al moved to go into closed session, .Jamie second, unanimous in favor

Micahel to come out of closed session, Al seconded, unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve 2 teacher hires, Al second, unanimous approval

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.? Motion by Al, Second by Michael

Vote: unanimous vote to approve