



The Franklin School of Innovation Board Meeting Minutes – 12/10/2019

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 Chairman of the Board, PF at 6:07 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chairman took roll of members present: PF, SR, BC, JG, AH, AG, ABJ</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by PF Second by BC Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the November Board Meeting? Motion by AH 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>DIRECTORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of activities • Update on Enrollment • Update on Budget/Fund Balance 	<p>Seeing higher than expected rates of absences, and some dropouts. Comparable with last year, but were hoping to see a decrease in absences and drop outs. Mid year review is tomorrow. Suspensions for Nov. are relatively low as</p>

	<p>compared to last year.</p> <p>Not many operational changes from last year; still no state budget so we are operating on a working budget. Still waiting for City to sign off on loan. Ran out of “soft costs” to the loan; have two interest payments of \$35K each that were not budgeted; unsure about origin of this error. January payments and going forward are budgeted. Annual fund at \$65K; still don’t have a development staff member to help close this gap. Audit shows an unrestricted fund balance of just over \$1M. Funds from last year’s fund balance were not transferred into this year’s budget. Need accounting support with how to make this transition. Possible that state allotment will be higher than budgeted to cover difference. Need to recruit accounting professional to the board. Asked a parent who is a CPA to consult on a specific issue.</p> <p>Middle school principal position open next year.</p> <p>Several exciting upcoming events on the school calendar: Band concert, Theater performances. Just concluded a chess tournament and craft fair, which were both successful.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE BREAK OUT MEETINGS & REPORT OUT</p>	<p>Marketing: looking at possibilities of gatherings for newly enrolled students after the lottery. Notes updated and will be shared with committee.</p> <p>Fundraising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Fund (matching grant) = current balance almost \$7499 <p>Goal: encourage people to setup Facebook fundraisers to get \$. Most of our progress so far has come through FB</p> <p>Idea: incentivize families to set up FB fundraisers with some merch from the school (e.g., hats, stickers, etc.)</p> <p>Match from the board? We discussed this and we will send out an announcement about this once school starts and have a “one week blitz”.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Foundations / corporate giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We will ask the board for ideas around this b. National Science Foundation K-12 grants c. Employer matching gifts? 3. Dogwood Trust Grant Application (up to \$25K) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We are going to apply for a Jan 15 grant to hire a temporary development / fundraising consultant or strategic plan consultant (or both?) b. Leverage grant. How do we improve health in our community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mental health and behavioral intervention ii. Pre-nursing program (kind of generic, but maybe of interest to students?) iii. Addressing impacts of trauma on children and families in our community iv. Considering environmental quality and health intersections in the classroom and through service / community engagement. 4. Update on our visits to local businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who wants to join in the fun? b. Karen and Michelle went to the Leadership Asheville Christmas Party to start building connections within the community
<p>CLOSED SESSION – LEGAL ISSUE Motion by PF Second by BC Vote: unanimous Motion to adjourn closed session PF, second SR</p>	<p>Discussed legal and personnel issues.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m.? Motion by PF Second by AG Vote: unanimous vote to approve</p>	