



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda – 9-12-2023
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive, Room 106 (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>ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present: Jim Davidson, Melanie Stowell, Rebecca Hecht, Al Glicksberg (virtual), Beth Russo, Bill Hansen, Ashley Fisher-Tranese,</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Melanie, Second by Beth, Vote: unanimous to approve agenda</p>
<p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board Meeting Motion by Melanie Second by Rebecca 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 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 members of the public present.</p>
<p>BOARD DEVELOPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sign Conflict of Interest form ● Retreat - Nov. 18 ● Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive ○ Board Development and Governance - By-laws update

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- Finance
- Fundraising
- DEI Committee

- Welcome to new board members Ashley Fisher-Tranese and Jim Davidson

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report
- Budget update

No new information has been provided by "Charter Success," so the report stands from the last meeting. There will be an update next meeting.

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Summary of Activities
 - Enrollment is on par with previous years and at an acceptable level.
 - Enrollment statistics are steady with respect to BIPOC; EC students. 81% of students identify as White, 1% Asian, 3% Black, 7% Hispanic, 7% "2 or more" (multiracial.) Of the entire population, 15% are receiving Exceptional Children services; 14% have 504 plans. 32% receive free or reduced lunch.
 - The state has not yet passed a budget for education spending. FSI is currently in a good position to meet our bond requirement regardless; although the fund balance would be insufficient with current allotments alone (without an anticipated increase to per-student allotments.)
- Academics Update
 - Post-Covid gaps remain in all subjects in Middle Grades
 - In High School, Post-Covid gaps have been eliminated except in Math 1
 - FSI is out-performing BCS in all areas except Middle-School math and High-School Math 1.
 - To address this, we have licensed Math teachers in all classes except for 2, and those two are returning from last year.
 - All new hires this year are experienced and credentialed.
 - Contracted with "Tutored by Teachers," online tutoring service for students who need support.
 - Rolling out a "multi-tiered system of support" for students
 - tiers will be based on student need and consist of a standard set of supports according to that need
 - A dean of students has been hired and we have strengthened our behavior support program.
- Review/discuss new State Parent Bill of Rights law
 - New requirements include:
 - Provide process for parents to inspect and object to instructional materials
 - Provide parent right to opt in (not opt out) of certain data collection and surveys
 - Provide right to review all records of materials borrowed from library
 - Update policies to promote parental involvement
 - Create policies to communicate how textbooks are used
 - Establish procedure for parents to learn about course of study and source of any instructional material, and object to same
 - School must provide notice of all health care service provided and means for consent
 - Parents must be notified about any change in name or pronoun used for a student in school

Agenda Item

records or by school personnel prior to use

- Prohibits instruction on gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality in grades K - 4
- MUD RUN! September 24, 2023
- Innovation Fest, October

New Business - Rebecca moved to approve proposed procedure for collection of student fees, Beth Seconded, Unanimous approval.

Board members asked to sign a conflict of interest acknowledgement.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.? Motion by Beth_Second by Bill Vote:
Unanimous vote to approve