



**The Franklin School of Innovation  
Board Meeting Agenda –12-10-2024 6:00pm  
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive, Spanish 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.

<b>Agenda Item</b>
<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg, at 6:10 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b> The Board Chair took roll of members present: Al Glicksberg, Bill Hansen, Jon Blalock, Ashley Fisher-Tranese (virtual), Rebecca Hecht, Beth Russo (virtual), Melanie Stowell,</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Jon Second by Melanie Vote: Unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p><b>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES</b> Shall the Board approve the minutes of the <b>December 10, 2024 Board Meeting</b> Motion by Jim Second by Al Vote: Unanimous to approve</p> <p><b>CLOSED SESSION</b> – Personnel, Board</p> <p><b>Motion to accept candidates for board membership as proposed in Closed Session, Rebecca Seconded, Unanimous to approve KELLY ROARK and SONYA STRANGE, who joined the meeting after the vote.</b></p> <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 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</p>

clarification only.

*No one present for public comment.*

### Agenda Item

#### ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Summary of Activities

- Enrollment

- Open Enrollment has begun - a small amount less than last year; MV thinks this is a reflection of the impacts of hurricane and snow days and that the number will go up.*

- Activities

- Discipline records are consistent with historical data from FSI, MV said that the administrators currently have the capacity to handle the level of behavioral referrals they are receiving. Most of the referrals are distributed among the same students who have been identified as having a high level of support needs.*

- School closings + **add 6/5/25 to school calendar** as makeup day for student attendance

- If ACS **AND** BCS call for a remote or closed day, FSI typically follows suit. It is difficult to have school when many of the staff are members of the ACS and BCS communities.*

- Melanie motioned to approve calendar change made by Melanie, Bill seconded, unanimous vote to approve.**

#### STAFFING

- New MTSS coordinator started in January
- New 10th grade math teacher hired
- Interviewing now for Middle School Science Teacher

#### GLOWS

Gift from Discovery Schools

- Achieved Honor Roll Status for AP Program for 2nd year in a row
- Rolling out Helene Project schoolwide
- Extending school-based therapist through MAHEC to full-time (2 additional days/week)
- Contracting with Wellness to Spring for mental health services for students, families, and staff
- College Acceptances - it's early still but acceptances are starting
  - 12 to App State
  - 7 to UNCA
- Info Session for Rising FSI 9th Grade Students this Thursday

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report

- Budget Update
  - MV waiting for revenue to come in from districts before making a budget amendment which more accurately predicts the revenue for the year
  - The closing of the construction account will result in a lease-payment cushion of about 6 months.

#### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

- On-going organization of Committees for 24-25 school year, updates, meetings, goal-setting
- Finance
  - Kelly Roark appointed to finance committee
- Governance
- Development
  - Sonya Strange appointed to Development Committee
  - *The plan for the field is unfolding and FSI is prepared to break ground on the new field.*
  - *Discussions continue about developing FSI's performing arts programs (theater and music)*
- Facilities-Turf field contract & update
- Fundraising

\*For clarification: Fundraising Activities are within the purview of Development Committee, and the two will now be referred to as the Development and Fundraising Committee

**ADJOURNMENT** - Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.? Motion by AI, Second by Jon, Vote: Unanimous vote to approve