



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda –2-13-2024
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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg at 6:07p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Board Chair took roll of members present: *Jim, Bill, Al, Jon, Ashley, Melanie*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items?

Motion by Bill, Second by Melanie Vote: Unanimous to approve agenda

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Shall the Board approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting

Motion by Bill, Second by Melanie, Vote: unanimous to approve

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 Agenda Item 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 one present for public comment

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- Dean of Students

- *Recently hired Dean of Students, Sagan Pizzingrilli, introduced herself and presented her work history prior to being hired at FSI. Has served in this capacity in schools in Wisconsin. Asked to give a description of roles and responsibilities, she mentioned student behavior and engagement. Helps administration to address needs of students who require additional support to engage in learning; whether related to behavioral or educational strategies. Additionally, she is working to address school disciplinary practices and institute “restorative” as opposed to “punitive” methods. Works with families of students as well to incorporate them into the discussion around student issues and the family role in supporting their student.*
- *Additional priorities include building “team capacity” by addressing the staff culture around engagement. This is done through group personal development opportunities and individual support for staff who are requesting support in responding to student challenges.*
- *Sagan asked the board what their expectations were regarding her position. The board said that they want to support the school administration, who has asked for additional support in the areas of student engagement and discipline.*

- Summary of Activities

Taken from the Director’s report:

“Enrollment is closed for the school year. There were some withdrawals at the end of the semester, across different grade levels with no clear pattern.”

“17 students were assigned ISS or OSS in January. Reasons included property damage, inappropriate language, drugs, fight, physical aggression, threatening, bullying. For the school year so far, 44 students have been assigned a total of 123 days of OSS. Last year we issued 156 suspensions total - a record high rate for our school.”

Safety Grant:

Installing security cameras; and vape detection devices in the bathrooms.

State “Go Outdoor Grant” received, using for school trip for seniors

- Calendar for 2024-25 school year

The board reviewed the calendar as presented by Michelle. Jon made a motion to approve the calendar, Melanie seconded, all in favor.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Plan for committees

Al presented the committee descriptions that he shared via email.

- Intentional Recruiting

Identified need for financial development, with the goal of continuing to finalize campus improvements including sports field.

This creates a focus area for board development: recruiting members that have financial expertise and/or resources.

Proposed methods for achieving this: networking with civic organizations, engaging with groups interested in education and community building

Special Session, called meeting for board development scheduled for Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm to continue discussion about board recruitment.

- Organization of Committees

- Executive
- Finance
- Board Governance by-laws update
- Development
- Fundraising
- Facilities

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Finances report

Bill presented the EOY projections. Poised to meet requirements for our bond covenants and have additional surplus.

- Budget amendment

Michelle is requesting the board to approve a budget amendment that accounts for Increases in "per-student" from Buncombe County and Asheville City. Additionally, sales tax revenue from building-related expenses is over 100k more than initially estimated, resulting in a one-time boost of revenue for FY 2024. Jim made a motion to adopt the amended budget, second by Melanie, unanimous vote to approve.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.? Motion by Bill, Second by Jim Vote: unanimous vote to approve