



**The Franklin School of Innovation
Board Meeting Agenda – 8-9-2022
In Person - 21 Innovation Drive (new building)**

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	Notes
<p>CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Al Glicksberg, at 6:09 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL The Board Chair took roll of members present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jon Blalock Bill Hansen Melanie Stowell Jennifer Berry Jamie Grob-Grinnell Rebecca Hecht Beth Russo Allison Sturtevant-Gilliam</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Alisa Second by Bill; Vote: Unanimous to approve agenda</p> <p>CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022</p>	Unanimous Vote

<p>Board Meeting? Motion by Bill; Second by Beth; Vote: no quorum present due to absences from last meeting to approve</p>	<p>All vote to approve minutes from previous 2 meetings (Not enough to vote for May minutes at last meeting)</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><i>Michael Lepage read a letter from a parent - expressing a desire to remove the mask requirement.</i></p>	<p>Parent Present</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of Activities ● Update on Enrollment ● Review mask mandate policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Security ● Student and Employee Handbooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leave policy for this year 	<p><u>Enrollment</u> up from Summer 2022 <u>Staffing</u> - Still need a Nurse and a Biology Teacher <u>Building Update</u>: everything is going well, ground-breaking is Friday the 19th at noon. <u>Lunch Options</u> - Food Trucks will not be an option this year. Catering costs are also too high and logistically impossible with current staff numbers. We are exploring Sandwich Vending. (Current practice is having kids bring lunch unless they qualify for free/reduced lunch.) Still offering Pizza on Fridays. <u>COVID POLICY UPDATES</u>: Strong Schools Toolkit is now defunct. The new guidance is to follow CDC's "Operational Guidance for K12 Schools." <u>Summer Program</u> was a great success, serving over 150 students. DPI said that our summer program was one of the "best programs they have ever visited." Many significant improvements were made in numbers, programming, and funding resources for families. <u>Important Dates</u>: -Thurs, Aug 11, 6:30 pm: MS Parent Orientation -Tues, Aug 16, 6:30 pm: HS Parent Orientation - Mon, Aug 22 - 1st day of school! - Tours available this Thurs, 1 pm, next Tues 10 am, next Thurs 1 pm - Back to School/Meet the Teacher Open House (in person): Tues, Sept 13 (grades 5/6), Thurs, Sept 15 (grades 7/8); Tues, Sept 20, HS</p>
<p>Student and Employee Handbook Approval</p>	<p><u>Student Handbook Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handbooks updated to reflect new child pick-up procedures.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress-Code Changes: Majority of Torso needs to be covered, undergarments need to be covered. <u>Employee Handbook Changes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping 5 days of additional leave • removal of required COVID screening <p>Jamie <u>motioned to approve changes to Student and Employee Handbooks</u>, Beth second, Unanimous consent.</p>
Vote on COVID Policies	<u>Motion to follow CDC Guidelines Regarding COVID-19, with flexibility to change based on local rates of COVID, ED has discretion to consult local health dept to mandate masks if necessary.</u> Rebecca motion, Melanie Second, Unanimous consent
COVID Testing	Bill <u>motions to continue pool testing</u> , Al Second Unanimous consent *If cost is no longer covered by state we will discuss
REVIEW OF OPEN MEETINGS LAW	Please send suggestions for board meeting to Al at least two weeks prior to meeting, Executive Committee will meet one week in advance of meeting to finalize the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date has to be posted and open to the public • Email exchanges may be subject to meeting rules based on the number of recipients; these are not meant to create discussion.
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating and Governance • Potential Board training 	Tabled until September meeting
DEI COMMITTEE Update and Goals	Questions from the DEI committee for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of the board/committee in the school’s effort? Al - role of committee is to make recommendations to board for policy consideration. Michelle administers the policy and board conducts oversight. • DEI is considering drafting a statement of equity for the consideration of the board. • Any budget for reading materials? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle says yes, direct requests to Michelle. • Board members should be considering any language they would like to include in an equity statement.
BUDGET	No big budget updates from June. We are waiting until the 20th day of school for particular benchmarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill and Michelle reviewed the 21-22 budget and “it’s pretty close.” Bill will conduct a year-end review in a future meeting.
FINANCE UPDATE	
CLOSED SESSION - Personnel	Jamie <u>motioned to go into closed session</u> , Melanie second, unanimous consent. Al motioned, Jamie second to move out of closed session.

	Alison Motioned to approve all hires, Rebecca second, unanimous consent.
ADJOURNMENT 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.? Al Motion by Second by Jon Vote: All vote to approve	