

FRANKLIN ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 11, 2017

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Held as a conference call through “Zoom”

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Luddy Rick Eddins Al Merritt
Bill Francis Judy Nunnenkamp

Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The board reviewed the minutes and there were no questions. Rick Eddins motioned that they be approved and Al Merritt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda items:

Ideas for Franklin Academy 20-Year Celebration – Denise Kent

Denise presented a list of options marking Franklin Academy’s successful 20 years. Ideas of particular interest were a press release, publications, and a call the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps a call to WRAL for potential news coverage was another favorable suggestion. In particular, David Crabtree, past Keynote Speaker for a Franklin Academy graduation might find the story to be a good interest story. Denise Kent will be providing an update of which options will best work for the school.

K-8 IOWA Scores – Denise Kent

The Iowa scores presented reflected scores beginning in 2009 to current. This year IOWA tests were administered to eighth graders mainly due to the State eliminating one of the required standardized tests specifically for this grade. It was determined that it would provide a good opportunity to collect meaningful data. Results totals showed that our students were performing over all in the 91st percentile for Core total as well as the 91st percentile in the composite total. These scores mark an increase from last year’s scores of 89-90th percentile. The scores also reflect an annual student academic growth of one year four months within the average 10-month school year. We continue to notice a trend in our Kindergarteners coming in low historically around the 70-79th percentile posing a challenge for teachers. We have made up for those loses by the 8th grade with average scores climbing to that of 11th grade.

Questions: Judy Nunnenkamp- Every student takes these exams? Denise Kent- Yes, all. If students have IEPs, those students receive accommodations, there by leveling the playing field.

The Magellan School visit - James Kornegay

Currently Magellan Charter School has been in operation for 21 years and is considering adding a high school to their current 3-8th grades offered. The visit Franklin Academy High School was to learn a little about our school and tour the facility. Both David Mahaley and I took them around the building and shared some of our thoughts on our programs offered at Franklin Academy High School. They were very impressed with many aspects of the school. They also commented on the character and attitudes our students possess. Our teachers were described as energetic and were also impressed with the range of programs offered at our school, which seem to surpass many other charter schools in the area.

Career Fair at the High School in October – James Kornegay

Our annual Career Fair is gearing up for another year. Last year we had 35 careers represented. FAPS works hard to find community members, as well as parents and family members to participate. Various booths are set up in the gym providing students with the opportunity to ask questions regarding educations and learn about different career choices. This is one of the ways we encourage students to think about what to do after high school. We have everything from the military to engineers. A wide variety is in attendance.

Student Event Highlights at the Middle School – MaryJo Sullivan

First event for the quarter was our 3rd annual Family Fun Night hosted on August 25th. There were over 300 in attendance. The event was filled with games, activities, food, and music. The best part about the event is that it is free. It provides a great opportunity for kids and parents to spend time together. On August 8th we held a student led assembly for students from 3rd through 8th grade. We highlighted heroes within the community and worldwide. Our students had the opportunity to hear from Staff Sgt. Jeff Brewer, a member of the Army National Guard, as well as one of our parents, along with speeches from the middle school student council leaders and concluded with a moment of silence at the flagpole and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Finally, rounding out the quarter was the 6th annual Community Service Day. In attendance were 380 students, 92 parents, and over 30 staff members in 15 different venues across 5 cities. Some of the activities included, cleaning parks, building retaining walls, and sorting of donated items. While this took place in the community, elementary students spent their day thinking about ways to give back through various activities. They made cards for veterans and military services members, making pinwheels for our campus, painting kindness rocks, and making bookmarks to be given away with donated books.

Adjournment

No other questions- Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm