

April 11, 2016 Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

All members were present and they reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Rick Eddins motioned for approval and Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Minutes were approved anonymously.

David Mahaley reported on the Luddy Scholarships recipients and the impact that this scholarship has on the students and their future. One of our recipients sent a letter to the board showing her appreciation. We have increased our number awards from ten to fifteen this year. This award greatly impacts students as they continue their education beyond Franklin Academy. Rick Eddins asked if these letters are shared with current students to motivate them? Franklin Academy asks former students to return and speak to current students about their experiences and how Franklin Academy was a big part of their success.

Exterior upgrades to buildings are planned to the high school. These are to help control erosion in some areas, and additional fence will be added dividing the neighborhood that is under construction behind the building. The Chalks Road need some of the fields to be upgraded. The cost is 50-75 thousand. Bob Luddy will send the total cost to the board when these are determined. We do have the money in the budget to adequate funds have been set aside to take care of upgrades. Bill Francis commented that we are in good position financially to do this. A motion was made to not exceed 100K. Al Merritt motioned Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Students from the high school traveled to Disney World and were able to experience behind the scenes with the Disney Imagineers. We are the only school in the US that has been able to do this due to a contact we made several years ago through a student's family member. They are able to experience the construction and operation of the park.

Franklin Academy also had two groups compete recently and did very well in the state as well as nationally. Our bridge building team won the state championship and our DECA club had several members qualify on the state level to compete in the national competition being held in Nashville later this month. Bob Luddy asked how many times the bridge building team has won. They have won the past 7 years. Our middle school was able to capture second place.

Mary Jo Sullivan wanted to mention a particular student that has returned to school after being out for about a year receiving treatment for cancer. Franklin Academy was able to have him in "class" by implementing technology. He "face timed" into his classes and was "carried" class to class as well as some field trips so that he could experience and learn while he was out. He returned to school as an eighth grader this year.

No additional questions or comments. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.