

FRANKLIN ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 2018

TIME: 5:00

LOCATION: Web meeting via “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 Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda items

Scholarship Recipient Update – Bob Luddy

Parents of Ian Christine wanted to thank us and update us on their son’s successes throughout his four years at North Carolina State University. Ian is a Luddy Scholarship recipient that will be completing his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in May and has secured a position in the NC DOD.

FA High School Updates – MaryJo Sullivan

The focus for this quarter will be improving our user experience for our staff, students, and parents. Standardizing our practices in the areas of homework, grading, and testing dates will be our main objective. The goal is to provide consistency and balance on the demands we place on our students. We are also working to improve communication with our parents through the technology resources we have available. Over track out we conducted a parent survey, as well as a teacher and student survey for feedback on items in relation to communication and scheduling. The results proved very helpful in providing a good perspective on how to move forward. We are also working to finalize our bell schedule for the next school year. We are moving to a seven period schedule with a daily FLEXtime included.

FA Charter Addendum Update – Denise Kent

We submitted several addendums to the State along with our entire charter. We received an approval of our charter along with all the addendums. We also received notification that the Office of Charter Schools received and reviewed amendments for updating curriculum and graduation requirements and have approved those changes. The one item that will need to go in front of the State Board of Education is our mission statement. It seems as though the mission statement had not been approved appropriately in the past and will need to be presented in the May discussions with approval in June. All looks good and on track. With these addendums and updates to our charter submitted to DPI, our charter now is written in a manner that reflects how we are running the school today daily. No mentions of the management company that was an initial thought in the very beginning. It also includes the Luddy Outcomes, the history sequence and direct instruction.

Issuing Staff Contracts – Denise Kent

We will approve staff contracts at the next meeting in conjunction with the budget for the 2018-19 school year.

Bill Francis moved that the board authorized the approved contracts for new teachers as required and that the salaries in those contracts be consistent with the budget presented, and anticipated being approved in May. Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Question: Judy Nunnenkamp – Did facility improvements discussed at the last meeting occur during this past track out?
Denise Kent – The playground has been put on hold due in part, to the size of the project. We did have an Eagle Scout project completed on Franklin St. This project was the updating of a shade structure and pavers. We also took care of broken tiles at FA3 and hope to work on the same issue at FA4. Updating and general maintenance issues in all buildings continues. The main project on the Franklin Street campus will take place this summer.

Adjournment

No further questions – Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm