

December 5, 2016
Franklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. All members were present. 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.

Bill Francis reported the school's annual audit has been completed and there were no issues noted by the auditors. This is a public document that is filed with DPI and available for anyone who needs to view. We keep an electronic copy as well and will send that to the board members soon. Franklin Academy is on track with its budget so far, and remains solid at this time continuing to pay down its debt.

Dave Mahaley reported the five-year statistics for AP scores that compares North Carolina, Global, and our student's scores. Three out of four of our students score a 3 or better which means that they are able to earn college credit for those courses. Judy Nunnenkamp asked, "how many students take the exams and how many different AP courses do you offer"? Mahaley stated the total number of students is 80 to 90 students who take at least one but some take more than one test and we have roughly 20 to 21 different courses for the students to choose from.

Denise Kent gave an update on the charter renewal process. The first step of self-study is completed and submitted to DPI. The next step is the Office of Charter School will reach out and let us know if there are any compliance issues that we need to address. After that they will set up a site visit to talk with teachers, students, and parents.

Denise Kent and Open House – Our open enrollment period has started and will end Jan 31st. We have six open houses scheduled for prospected families to visit and gather information about the school and the curriculum. Bill Francis asked, "how is the expansion of other charter school's effect our application numbers"? Last year we noticed a small drop in the number of applications received due to a new charters opening in the area. We expect this to continue. We are working hard to to promote the school through many avenues including social media. Most feel like it is impossible to get into the school so they stop applying to the school so we are making sure to send the message that we continue to have openings each year and this year more than usual due to lower number of sibling's coming into the school.

No other questions – Bob Luddy motioned for adjournment, Al Merritt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm