

February 13, 2017
Franklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and held as a “GO TO” conference call. The board reviewed the minutes and there were no questions. Bill Francis motioned that they be approved and Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

David Mahaley reviewed the transcript and graduation requirement checklist after recent news events of other schools and graduation checklist. A checklist was shown to the board that outlined the transcript and graduation checklist for Franklin Academy students. It is a process that includes more than one person monitoring the student’s progress while at Franklin Academy along with multiple checks and balances. Judy – what if a student waits and takes a required course for graduation their senior year and fail? Mahaley – they would have an additional year in high school or take the course in credit recovery through the State. Francis – Has Kestral Heights asked for any guidance or assistance? Mahaley – Franklin Academy has not been asked to provide any guidance or suggestions.

Mary Jo Sullivan presented implementation and areas of improvement for K-8 administrators to focus on. Data used more purposely in middle school by the teachers in order to understand improvement, incorporate more reading and to positively reinforce reading has been implemented. A focus in coaching the K-8 teachers, in methodology, direct instruction has been employed as well as highlight student service and character development in school and in the community. Kent added that grades 3-8, share a specific literacy skill that can be used in any subject and any grade level, not just language arts once a month. All teachers have received this very positively and the have developed a standard strategy in critical reading across all classes so the students are hearing the same vocabulary in all subjects.

Our annual lottery was held and we received more applications than the year before which is a testament about our school given that there are additional charter schools in the area for parents to choose from. Francis – how do interpret this increase in applications. The feedback heard from administration is that most local charter schools lack the openings that we have for Kindergarten. The increase in sixth grade is more than likely due to we offer grades 6 – 12, and are able to provide the continuity in grade levels and school for the parents and students.

Rick Eddins asked if we have updated our school’s description based on our discussion at a previous meeting. This has been updated on the web site to describe our school as not being related or affiliated any other charter school and is managed by it’s own board of directors.

No other questions –Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm