

March 6, 2017

## Franklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The board reviewed the minutes and there were no questions. Al Merritt motioned that they be approved and Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### Financial Update – Bill Francis

Our expenditures are in line with our budget at this time. A review of our audit by Wells Fargo shows we have met all of our requirements in regards to our loan with them. Our loan 2010 was for 11.5 million and we have reduced to 6.7 million. The interest rates have fluctuated a little, but we will still anticipate paying off the loan in 16 years, which is 4 years earlier than planned. The IRS requires us to complete a form 990 that our auditors are preparing now. A copy of this will be emailed to our board members so they may review prior to filing. Once received, you may ask questions or make comments.

### Graduating College and Career Choices – Jame Kornegay

FA has approximately 60% of our graduating class attend a 4 year university and approximately 25% attend a 2-year community college program. A few students choose a military service and a few choose other programs or delay entry in college for one year. Our students go to a variety of public and private schools in North Carolina as well as other states. College representatives as well as military branches visit our school to speak to those students are interested and we hold a career day that includes various professionals including military branches to expose the students to different careers. Ms. Weir, our Dean of Students, goes into each freshman and sophomore years to talk about college planning and encourages them to start the process of investigating careers and colleges. We hold a variety of evening workshops for parents and students on topics like financial aid and how to apply to college. Judy Nunnenkamp – are parents pleased with the options we offer to explore colleges and careers? Mahaley – yes, Ms. Weir meets with individual students and parents regarding their interests.

### Testing Data – James Kornegay

PSAT is given to the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. We cannot compare our 9<sup>th</sup> grade to State due to the fact only 2% take the exam at that grade. Our students perform better than the state on most all questions compared to the state in both Math and Reading. We have the teachers look at the actual questions that our students miss, so that we could establish goals to continue to progress and do better on the PSAT. The SAT scores for the 2016 and 2017 cohorts shows that our school average is about the states average. This data is based on the new version of the test and scores so we need a few more years to show the trend. ACT scores also show that FA is well above both state and national averages. Francis asked if parents want to know how we compare with Wake County. Mahaley – we are not part of their comparisons however, we can create our own comparison based on their results.

Kent – We compare our EOG scores with Wake County and the State.

### Eighth Grade Testing Outcomes – Denise Kent

In the past the state has mandated several different tests for the eighth grade. The state mandated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade take the ACT Explorer for two years, which did not give us enough information to see a trend. The state is now choosing another exam. FA already gives the 8<sup>th</sup> grade EOG's and EOC's that gives us data to compare our students with the state. We need to choose to a new assessment that will give us good data that we will be able to use and not just test to be testing.

### FA High School Summer School Policy – David Mahaley

The accountability office has asked schools to formalize and clarify their policy for students who need credit recovery. This is not re-testing for those who failed the EOC's. This is for students who have failed courses such as a math course during the year. Students are required to be on-site some of the time to complete these courses as opposed to doing this on their own over the summer. We have found that by having someone monitor their progress, they are more likely to complete the class and pass. Nunnencamp – who monitors these students? Mahaley – a teacher is paid to monitor the students. The credit recovery course does not end until August and we need to make sure the students are progressing in the course so they can move to the next sequential class when we resume in July.

Francis moves to approve the policy, Al Merritt seconds the motion.

Bob Luddy – Questions or Comments?

Francis – In light of the recent events at Kestrel Heights, I think it is important to have in our minutes that we have reviewed and discussed Franklin Academy's policy and procedures in regards to transcripts.

Mahaley – We have put together a timeline showing the classes students need in order to satisfy the state requirements and local requirements to graduate. We have put together a checklist so that at multiple points we can check to make sure the student is meeting all the requirements as they progress over the four years of high school. This is not done by just one person but by several staff members throughout the student's high school career. The state's database, PowerSchool, also has a checklist with the student's transcript show the state requirements that they need to graduate. Kent – do we have someone that looks over and “signs off” on this? Mahaley – yes, when we review the transcripts prior to senior year and mid year, we have to sign off on the transcript. This is documented in several different places with more than one person. No other questions regarding process from the board.

Merritt – Do we have security office on each campus? I know we have not had problems, but other public schools have had issues. Mahaley – we have not seen anything out of the ordinary that would lead us to believe that we may have any problem or the need for an office on campus at this time.

No other questions –Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm