

Franklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. All board members were present with the exception of Al Merritt. 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.

David Mahaley presented a plan to move towards electronic open resources versus traditional textbook materials for Franklin Academy. These resources are available on-line at very little to no cost. One textbook replace with open resources can save over 1 billion dollars annually. There are challenges for staff and administration, like awareness of the material, access and availability however, all of these can be overcome with proper planning and training. At FA, an example, replacing one student's text would be a \$21,910.00 savings in the first year. There are many resources available, but they must be vetted to make sure the content is accurate. The material can be adapted to make your own text to be printed at a nominal fee or provided electronically to those students who have access to the iPads.

Questions and Comments

Rick Eddins, are there issues with availability of textbooks to schools? Mahaley – No, most publishers are able to provide textbooks as well as on-line resources as always but at a much greater cost than open source materials.

Bill Francis – What is the estimated life of a textbook? Mahaley - 5 to 7 years depending on the subject. Math is more stable as compared to science or history. Open source is usually up to date.

Bill Francis – do textbook manufactures compete with these sources? Mahaley - yes some times the company offer free electronic access if you purchase the text. But there is still a substantial cost.

Bob Luddy – does FA have a priority list of books we would like to replace? Mahaley – I have done quite a bit of research and have found that there is a lot of science material that could replace texts, as science books are very expensive.

Judy – are there need to have a work book for the open source material? Mahaley – yes, in our Algebra open source text that we created we also put together a workbook that can be accessed with the iPads.

Rick Eddins – are we looking at replacing all and is there a time frame. Mahaley – yes, we are looking at what we are needing in the near future and making a plan.

Eddins – do we need a motion? Luddy – no not yet. I believe David needs to identify areas and then we can discuss at a future meeting.

No other questions, meeting adjourned.

