

Franklin Academy Board Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2015

Meeting Began at 6:00pm

Bob Luddy asked the board to review the minutes and approve. Rick Eddins motions to approve. Al seconded and all approved.

Bob Luddy nominated two new board members, Bill Francis, the state approved finance office for Franklin Academy, and Judy Nunnenkamp. He asked for opened discussion among the board. Al Merritt asked if Bill Francis was currently a paid employee for Franklin Academy. Bob Luddy stated Bill Francis is a volunteer and does not receive any compensation from Franklin Academy. Judy Nunnenkamp handles all the HR issues for Franklin Academy and has done so since the school started. Both of these candidates would be knowledgeable about the school and its history. The terms were presented. Al Merritt made motion for the nomination and it was approved unanimously.

David Mahaley gave an overview of the recent iPad conference. A host of states attended and presented information to help broaden the scope of how the device can be used for. Students from both Franklin Academy and Thales Academy participated in the event by demonstrating techniques and uses of the iPad. David stated that the iPad's have provided many benefits for our students in the classroom. Teachers and students alike were polled about the benefits and challenges of using the iPads and we found that the benefits of having them in the classroom and in student's hands each day out way any of the challenges. Positive behaviors such as increased motivation in students, high confidence in using technology, and efficiency in completing tasks were all noted by teachers and students. Some of the challenges included writing extended works, initial adjustment from hard copy to electronic copy and preference of reading text-based books versus electronic. Teachers noted that the use of the iPad has increased resources, access to resources, efficiency, learning management system and other teacher direct benefits. Overall they feel that the use of the iPad technology is very positive.

David Mahaley gave an update on school newsworthy events. Our men's soccer team won the state championship title. Franklin Academy had a great season and was recognized throughout the state. Mr. Mahaley pointed out that one particular article interviewing a senior who set quite a few state records during the season had asked the student what his plans were with continuing his soccer career. The student commented that he was more interested in his academic career. The players obviously work as a team, not one person. This shows they are working together as a team, they may not be the best players but they are the best at working as a team. I think this shows the qualities that FA instills in these students everyday. This was not only an athletic accomplishment, it was a team effort.

Denise Kent gave an update of our open enrollment schedule and that we expect to hold our annual lottery in February.

Mr. Luddy asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm