

October 23, 2016 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 annual audit is in process and we do not anticipate any issues. He presented the board members with a copy of the conflict of interest policy. Per DPI, the members must review and have the opportunity to disclose any conflicts. A signed copy acknowledged you have seen the conflict of interest statement from each member must be kept on file. All members signed and did not have any conflicts of interest regarding doing business with the Franklin Academy.

A formalized investment policy is required this year for annual audit. This was presented to board for review and to accept. Rick Eddins made motion to approve and Al Merritt seconded to accept the investment policy as presented. All approved.

Bob Luddy asked the school administration if they knew of any safety issues at any of the school's campuses. If they have any concerns please bring to the board immediately so that proper action can occur.

Denise Kent gave update on Chalks Road improvements. New sod, stone, and artificial turf on the playground have been installed. The tree line was cleaned and fencing was added. A new drainage system was installed to prevent water from accumulating at bottom of drive. All work has been completed.

Denise Kent and James Kornegay regarding FA staff training gave an update to board. K-5 teachers participated in their annual Direct Instruction (DI) training and middle school and high school teachers learned new ways to add DI instruction to their classrooms. The high school teachers participated in a two-day differentiated instruction course. They learned how to incorporate differentiated training in their classrooms and will be required to do this throughout the year. Bob Luddy asked for an explanation of differentiated instruction. Kornegay explained that there are visual learners, learners who are better at manipulating objects, auditory learning and technical learners. This training showed how to we can adequately teach to the different ways that students learn and how to assess them.

The HS held our annual career fair that consisted of representatives from emergency services, health care, science, engineering, military, finance, etc. It gives our students the ability to ask questions about the different fields and it allows FA to get involved with our community. Bob Luddy asked if we keep any data on what students decide to study once they go to college. Kornegay responded we keep track where the students go to college but not what they decide to major in. How to collect data was discussed and that it would be good as we move forward.

Denise Kent announced our Charter Renewal is coming up and she is working with DPI to complete this. She will give another update at the next meeting.

David Mahaley asked for the board to consider purchasing another activity bus due to the high demand for its use. The board discussed purchasing versus renting buses when needed and the type of bus needed. They agreed that it was a good idea and to move forward with getting quotes but that it should be included in the 2017-2018-school budget.