



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 5, 2020  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Franklin Academy – Cooper City  
6301 S. Flamingo Road  
Cooper City, FL 33330

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:02 PM
- II. Roll Call

David Thomas, Board Chair	Elena Diaz
Debbie Orshefsky, Board Member	Jessica Gamache
Richard Moreno	Jennifer Nadal-Smith
Jacqueline Greenberg, Board Member (phone)	Margaret Ellis
Alexandra Lonsdale, Board Member (phone)	Rena Tornopsky
Scott Sznitken	Victor Ospina
Deborah Hanley	Sergio Delgado
Daniel Sandberg	Shaina Dillman
Christopher Carnaggie	Danielle Ockman
Elaine Adler	Diane Showalter
Emilia Vazquez	Christian Diz
Alexandra Fox	Astrid Rivera
Nancy Sander	
De'Mon Williams	
Jason Ratner	

- III. Public Speakers – Statement read by Dr. Thomas; Mr. Kotler wants gymnasium/auditorium for campuses that don't have one.
- IV. Approval and Ratification of Minutes of January 7, 2020 Board Meeting – Motion by Board Member Greenberg; Seconded by Board Member Orshefsky. All in favor. No objections. Motion passes.
- V. Consent Agenda – Resolution – Motion to approve by Board Member Greenberg; Seconded by Board Member Orshefsky. All in favor. No objections. Motion passes.

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the 2020-21 Academic Calendar for Broward County is approved and ratified as written;
- b. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2020-21 Academic Calendar for Palm Beach County is approved and ratified as written;
- c. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Franklin's teacher/administrator salary allocation schedule calculator, approved and utilized in prior years, is hereby once again ratified for use in determining instructional salaries for the 2020-21 school year;
- d. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Leadership Bonus Milestone categories for the 2020-21 school year are hereby ratified and approved for all Franklin Academy campuses;
- e. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Budget amendments with respect to each of the Franklin Academy charters listed below are hereby ratified and approved:  
  
 Franklin Academy Pembroke Pines High School (Broward) – MSID 5142  
 Franklin Academy F (Broward) – MSID 5046  
 Franklin Academy – Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach) – MSID 4061;
- f. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the letter providing formal notification of Franklin's intention to increase student enrollment at the Cooper City campus beginning with the 2020-21 school year is hereby ratified and approved;
- g. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the financial statements and independent auditors' report for the 2018-19 fiscal year are hereby ratified and approved for all Franklin Academy charters; and
- h. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that employees serving in the capacity of School Counselor at Franklin Academy Charter Schools are considered in-field when they hold an educator certificate in another area, hold a master's degree in another area and have passed the Guidance subject area exam.

## VI. Presentations

- a. Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools
  - i. Academic/Curriculum Overview – Quest for Success at Franklin; Discussed iReady diagnostic – Franklin versus average – FA is outperforming Florida and national schools for reading (K-8). HS only intensive reading diagnostic; School District uses iReady too. Similar in math, not outperforming in every grade but we are catching up those students. Increases in performance from initial testing. IB updates – awaiting BB and PBG approval letters – by next 4 weeks. Addressed matters to be addressed. CC is up to re-authorization. Between Jan and March 2021. Unit plans have

already been submitted. Jeans drive – Diploma Programme sought 10k grant; 2500 for college to organizers.

- b. Mrs. Alexandra Fox, Principal/Team (CC)
  - i. Staffing/School Update– no staffing openings
  - ii. Enrollment Update – Enrollment as of 3/2 1333; Lottery apps over 900; since last board meeting 9 withdrawals and 20 new enrollments. Also review campus highlights since last board meeting
- c. Mrs. Diane Showalter, High School Principal/Team (PPK12)
  - i. Staffing/School Update – no staff vacancies
  - ii. Enrollment Update since last board meeting new 13, 20 withdrawals. 1000 students currently. Campus highlights – Teens for Jeans – thanks for other campuses for partnering; IB Diploma presentations, high school block party between 4-7 pm – first one was a great success, in future on end of quarters. Hall murals; March madness upcoming and a fashion show for example.
- d. Mrs. Jennifer Nadal-Smith, K-8 Principal/Team (PPK12)
  - i. Staffing/School Update - guidance counselor and individuals and societies openings.
  - ii. Enrollment Update – enrollment is 1164 since 24 withdrawals and 26 enrolled since last board meeting; Campus highlights – Title I books; Dr. Sandberg filled in during maternity leave – lots of guidance and filling in. Black history month event 6-8 grade students; field day and Boosterthon good for morale.
- e. Ms. Margaret Ellis, Principal/Team (PBG)
  - i. Staffing/School Update
  - ii. Enrollment Update – since last board 24 withdrawals and 10 new enrollments. 1076 Black history led by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students; Ben Franklin birthday celebration; Sweetheart dance – 300 people came; Super dads Super breakfast. Hosted District charter meeting – coming back in August. Color run in lieu of Boosterthon – raised \$11,000 in two days. Little mermaid April 3&4
- f. Ms. Elena Diaz, Principal/Team (PP)
  - i. Staffing/School Update – still looking for media specialist
  - ii. Enrollment Update – current enrollment 1395– since last board meeting 9 w/d and 7 new; PD; Kegan Cooperative Learning Structure ; New Teacher Academy – mentor program; student retention especially 5<sup>th</sup> graders – building excitement; Franklin Scholar expectation assembly; Ben Franklin celebration and field day; upcoming Peter Pan

- g. Ms. Rena Tornopsky, Principal/Team (BB)
  - i. Staffing/School Update – middle school ELA - filling
  - ii. Enrollment Update – currently enrollment at 1315. 28 new students and 14 withdrawals since last meeting; Black history month, IB authorization, science fair (sending 40 to district fair – double last year), read across America this week – Dr. Seuss day on Monday. Butterfly garden going in. All girls chess tournament – shooting for 100 participants; April first live production of Seussical Jr. May teacher appreciation, IB exhibition night, moving up ceremony – Boys basketball and girls soccer in championships
- h. Mr. Sergio Delgado, Principal/Team (SUN)
  - i. Staffing/School Update – MYP physical education teacher and intensive reading for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ii. Enrollment Update 1391 students currently; since last board meeting 14 withdrawals added 15 students. PD by staff – teacher attending training; Greendot challenge; father daughter dance – more than 300 participants; Boosterthon started yesterday - goal \$45,000 – \$10,000 in one day.
- i. Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director
  - i. Organizational Overview/Update – building purchases – closed on Jan 30 on purchase of PBG and PPK12 – approx. 90MM purchase price – collaborative effort of foundation and campuses; Grant received – garbage compactors at SUN and PPK12 - \$36k per campus. Going in this summer. Coronavirus update – fast moving – posting on website – updates and links Ask governing board to take up a resolution on coronavirus to authorize Foundation team under Dr. Thomas’ guidance to put together a business continuity plan and structure for communication and authorize us to act upon plan if necessary. State budget – lawmakers need more time to approve budget – determines our funding – 2-3 days; Enrollment – first window close 2/28; next one 3/19. 4,700 applications across organization – slightly off pace – more competition which is not surprising because districts doing better - lottery at all 6 campuses; Marketing – new television commercial in Palm Beach – running now 52 extra spots during march madness basketball games
- j. Mr. Richard Moreno, Financial Consultant
  - i. Financial Review – Acquire 2 buildings – 662M order for bonds – oversubscribed. Updated budgets for PBG and PPK12 – loss instead of gains. Still operating very tight. Other budgets are tracking in line. Teacher pay increase and how it gets implemented will be discussed once we know

approved budget. Will be able to build reserves now. Working on gymnasium issue.

- VII. Resolutions - Dr. Thomas speaks on coronavirus – opines it probably will become a world-wide epidemic – the more cases we see, the more the death rate will go down. Everyone who has died has had multiple conditions and in many cases are aged. Dr. Thomas feels media is being irresponsible. Serious yes, but it should not cause a panic. Do need to address – Dr. Thomas takes up resolution to authorize Foundation team, specifically Scott Sznitken, Deborah Hanley and Dr. Sandberg to work with guidance of Dr. Thomas to create and potentially implement business continuity plan and school closing plan. Board Member Orshefsky makes the motions; Board Member Greenberg seconds the motion. There are no objections. All in Favor. The motion passes.
- VIII. Board Member Items - No items
- IX. Items for Next Meeting – No items
- X. Next Board Meeting – TBD date in June
- XI. Adjournment - A motion is made by Board Member Orshefsky to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion is seconded by Board Member Lonsdale. The meeting is adjourned at 6:58 p.m

Ratified and Approved by a \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ vote  
of the Board of Directors of Franklin  
Academy Foundation, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Board Member