



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 11, 2021
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Academy – Pembroke Pines K-12
5000 SW 207th Terrace
Pembroke Pines, FL 33332

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:30 PM
- II. Roll Call – In addition to principals and assistant principals, certain staff members and parents, the following individuals were in attendance:

David Thomas, Board Chair (via Zoom)
Catherine Arcabascio, Board Member (via Zoom)
Debbie Orshefsky, Board Member (via Zoom)
Scott Sznitken (in person)
Alexandra Kruse, Board Member (via Zoom)
Dr. Daniel Sandberg (via Zoom)
Diane Showalter (in person)
Astrid Ortiz-Rivera (in person)
Richard Moreno (in person)

- III. Public Speakers –
 - a. Mr. Kotler thanked the Franklin Academy board, the principals, the assistant principals, and all the teachers for a job well done during this time. His child has not fallen behind but in fact has excelled. All teachers should be congratulated. He does however have a concern regarding the fact that there are no lockers at the schools and the backpacks are extremely heavy. Mr. Kotler stated that he had to replace his son's backpack three times in the past year and was curious as to what next year will look like when students return to campus. He asked if students would be sharing books and if parents would have to provide a laptop. Dr. Thomas responded by stating that it is “too early” to make any final decisions since mixed information is being shared.
- IV. Approval and Ratification of Minutes of December 1, 2020 Board Meeting - Approved and ratified – Motion to approve and ratify made by Board member Catherine Arcabascio, motion seconded by Board member Alexandra Kruse. All board members in were favor and the motion passed unanimously.

- V. Consent Agenda — Mr. Sznitken read the resolution items to the Board and asked if Board Members would like any item pulled for further discussion. No items were pulled and Mr. Sznitken asked for a Board member to make a motion to approve Consent Agenda items. A motion was made by Board member Debby Orshefsky to approve, adopt and ratify all consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Board member Alexandra Kruse. All board members were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- a. **RESOLVED**, that the 2021-22 Academic Calendar for Broward County is approved and ratified as written;
 - b. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2021-22 Academic Calendar for Palm Beach County is approved and ratified as written;
 - C. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the out-of-field assignments and related waivers and parental notices provided by Franklin Academy charter school campuses are hereby ratified and approved;
 - c. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Franklin Academy Cooper City (5037) intends to submit a High-Performing Charter School Amendment Request, effective the 2021- 22 school year, resulting in an additional 11 years and an amended expiration date of June 30, 2032. Per State Statute 1002.331, a High Performing Charter School is authorized to receive a modification of its charter to a term of 15 years or a 15- year charter renewal.

VI. Presentations

A. Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools

i. Academic/Curriculum Overview

International Baccalaureate News:

- There's a partnership between Pembroke Pines K 8 campus and the Palm Beach campus to publish books about covid using the IB learner profiles. Pines K-8 did it and it was a success therefore and not they are collaborating with the Palm Beach campus to roll out the project there too.
- The Cooper City campus' MYP Programme had their five-year evaluation. It was highly successful especially being that Cooper City was the first campus to be approved eight years ago; the feedback was amazing. The next campus to undergo a 5 year MYP review will be Pembroke Pines K-8.

I-Ready

- Reading: The data between the first assessment period and the second shows an increase in proficiency/mastery. However, there is some concern since most of the students took the test before Christmas break at home and the authenticity of the test is unknown. High school data are for students in remedial classes and that is why the scores are as they are for the high school campus. Overall Dr. Sandberg was pleased with the growth but again cautious because tests were done at home.
- Math: the data for the math was more positive than for the reading. This is due to the big focus that was given in math based on the initial data. There was an increase in all campuses.
- Assessment three and four will be upcoming in the next couple of weeks

Covid Update

- More students are choosing to come to school live. The campus with the most live students is Boynton Beach who has 725 live students daily; Palm Beach garden has 550. The school continues to follow Covid safety guidelines while delivering rigorous curriculum. Since August there continues to be about 6 to 10 positive Covid cases per week and therefore the schools continue to work with the Health Department with contact tracing.

State Testing

- The state has not announced any change to the scoring for the spring state assessment FSA and EOC. Therefore, all components when it comes to mandatory retention and school grade are in play. 95% of all students must test we are required to conduct four attempts to convince families that it is in the student's interest to test.
- While on campus for testing students in different cohorts cannot mingle nor combine. They must test separately in their specific cohorts.
- The testing window has also been extended two weeks. in Palm Beach the testing window was extended until June 11th and in Broward County the testing window was extended until May 28th.

B. Mrs. Diane Showalter, High School Principal/Team (PPK12)

i. Staffing/School Update: Fully Staffed

- #### ii. Enrollment Update: 1016 since the last meeting there have been five (5) withdrawals and seven (7) enrolled.

- C. Mrs. Jennifer Nadal-Smith, K-8 Principal/Team (PPK12)
- i. Staffing/School Update: One U.S. History position
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1103 since the last meeting nineteen (19) students have withdrawn and eleven(11) have enrolled.
- D. Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Acting Interim Principal/Team (PBG)
- i. Staffing/School Update: Fully Staffed
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1000 since the last meeting there have been thirty one (31) withdrawals and thirty four (34) have been enrolled.
- E. Ms. Elena Diaz, Principal/Team (PP)
- i. Staffing/School Update: 4 vacancies; ESE, ESOL, Nurse, Grade 1 and one position was filled
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1392
- F. Mr. Sergio Delgado, Principal/Team (SUN)
- i. Staffing/School Update: 5 vacancies; 1 World History, 2 4th Grade Math/Science, 5th ELA, Literacy Coach
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1384 since the last meeting there have been fifteen (15) withdrawals and seventeen (17) enrolled.
- G. Ms. Rena Tornopsky, Principal/Team (BB)
- i. Staffing/School Update: 8 Vacancies; 3 Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, MS Spanish, ESOL Coordinator, MS Speech and Debate
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1321
- H. Mrs. Alexandra Fox, Principal/Team (CC)
- i. Staffing/School Update:2 vacancies; 1 math coach, 1 administrative assistant (not hiring at this time)
 - ii. Enrollment Update: 1352 since the last meeting nineteen (19) have withdrawn and twenty four (24) have enrolled.
- I. Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director
- i. Organizational Overview/Update
 - New Director of Instructional Technology, Mrs. Maggie Ellis
 - Searching for a PBG K-8 Principal. First round of interviews have been completed. The second round will be coming soon. All 6 principals have assisted in the process.
 - COVID Response: The health measures that were put in place as well as the increased cleaning has been working.
 - Branding: There was an application for the school Kite image and logo to be renewed by the Patent and Trademark Office.
 - Marketing: There is also a new T.V. commercial that was filmed on the K12 campus. A 30 second spot will be airing in the Pembroke Pines area in Broward County and in the Palm Beach County, Boynton Beach area.
 - Enrollment: 1300 offers were sent out between March 11th and March 12th. There is a 17-day window to respond. The next window will open on April 30th for the second lottery.
 - Human Resource: Paylocity is now being used to ease the process for new employee onboarding and payroll. This has provided a secure method of submitting documents. The talent and recruitment module will be coming

soon. There will also be a certification tracker that will provide monthly reminders to teachers. PTO automated and will finally show up on paychecks/paystubs.

- The teacher salary increase occurred on 2/5 and the retroactive pay was disbursed on the 2/20 check. Teachers received a pay anywhere between 2.8%-10.6%
- A 43-page ruling issued on February 24th in Palm Beach County could force the district to share millions of dollars with charter schools. More information to come.
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee are continuing to work within the organization.
- 2.7 Billion ESSER has not been distributed yet but there are funding concerns; continued thought should continue to occur due to possible future cuts.
- Operations: Waste compactors are coming to the Sunrise and K-12 campus. They will be installed this summer and should drop pick from 5 to 2 days a week; saving money.
- Transportation: No transportation this year but preparations are being made to offer transportation next school year.
- Technology: 3000 Chromebooks were received last month and 2400 will be received next month. The initial 6700 Chromebooks was reduced to roughly 5400. Continue discussion will be held regarding one on one model concept for our students. Long term this model will obviously affect budget and orders for the following year.

J. Mr. Richard Moreno, Financial Consultant

- i. Financial Review: due to the no cost for transportation this school year \$2,000,000 were saved generating a Surplus. However, this must be saved in preparation for the uncertainties for the future year. Schools with low enrollment were protected by the executive order.

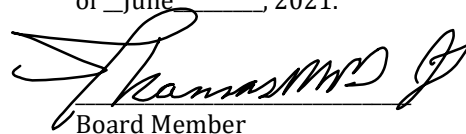
VII. Resolutions- None were presented.

VIII. Board Member Items-None were introduced.

IX. Next Board Meeting- TBD

X. Adjournment- A motion is made by Debbie Orshefsky to adjourn the board meeting. The motion was second by Board Member Catherine Arcabascio. All board members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Ratified and Approved by a 4 to 0 vote
of the Board of Directors of Franklin
Academy Foundation, Inc. this 17th day
of June, 2021.



Board Member