



**Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of Florida Charter Foundation, Inc.  
Franklin Academy**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
**Meeting Location:** Franklin Academy – Palm Beach Gardens Campus  
5651 Hood Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM by Dr. Thomas  
**Present:** Dr. David Thomas  
Ms. Alexandra Lonsdale  
Dr. Catherine Arcabascio  
**Telephone:** Dr. Jacqueline Greenberg  
Ms. Deborah Platz

**Others Present:**  
Mr. Scott Sznitken  
Ms. Deborah Hanley  
Ms. Lucy Bonilla  
Mr. Justin Zeig  
Mr. Richard Moreno  
Dr. Daniel Sandberg  
Mr. Sergio Delgado  
Ms. Elena Diaz  
Mrs. Diacris Cardoso  
Mr. Doug Piper  
Ms. Alexandra LeRose  
Mrs. Cynthia Terzado  
Ms. Ivy Benardo  
Mr. Christopher Ginton  
Mrs. Virginia Paris  
Dr. Lindsay Jesteadt  
Mr. Brian Georgia  
Dr. Jaqueline Dallas

**1) Opening Remarks and Introductions by Dr. Thomas**

**2) Public Speakers**

Mr. Kotler, Franklin Academy Parent – Showed support for Mr. Piper, as he is doing a great job. Reminded the Board that he believes that a gymnasium should be built for the campuses in Pembroke Pines and Cooper City; still would like the Board to consider opening a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade school in Plantation, Florida. Mr. Kotler shared his concern regarding iUniforms and the issues he has had with getting uniforms when ordered. Dr. Thomas addressed his issues regarding hold-ups with counties and cities and how they have had a financial impact on the Foundation.

Mr. Sznitken discussed the issues related to capital outlay and how it is difficult to take on a significant financial impact when we do not know the funding for capital outlay.

**3) Approval of Minutes from September, 2015 Board Meeting**

Ms. Alexandra Lonsdale motioned  
Dr. Catherine Arcabascio seconded

**4) Consent Agenda – Approved consent agenda items A - F**

- a. RESOLVED, that Ms. Ivy Benardo has been named Principal of the Palm Beach Gardens campus effective January 1, 2016, and that action is hereby ratified and approved.
- b. FURTHER RESOLVED, the response submitted to the Office of Civil Rights on November 2, 2015 in connection with Administrative Complaint 04-14-1738 is hereby ratified and approved.
- c. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Amended and Restated Bylaws of Florida Charter Foundation, Inc.” are hereby approved and ratified as written.
- d. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use by Franklin Academy charter schools of (i) the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools (FCPCS) Charter School Evaluation System for Classroom Teachers and Instructional Personnel and (ii) the FCPCS School-Based Administrator, are hereby ratified and approved.

- e. FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to all Franklin Academy charters, including:

Franklin Academy A (Broward)  
Franklin Academy B (Broward)  
Franklin Academy E (Broward)  
Franklin Academy F (Broward)  
Franklin Academy 3 (Broward)  
Franklin Academy B (Palm Beach)  
Franklin Academy C (Palm Beach)  
Franklin Academy D (Palm Beach),

(i) each such charter shall approve and adopt a budget on an annual basis, (ii) each such approved budget shall include an expense line item titled "School Administration", which shall include amounts remitted to Florida Charter Foundation, Inc. to cover the costs of certain administrative services provided to the charter by Florida Charter Foundation, Inc., (iii) administrative services provided by Florida Charter Foundation, Inc. to each such include, but are not limited to, charter school and legal compliance, operational oversight and facility management, and (iv) each such charter shall remit amounts to Florida Charter Foundation, Inc. for administrative services in accordance with its approved budget, as amended from time to time, and that each such action is hereby ratified and approved.

- f. FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to all Franklin Academy charters, including:

Franklin Academy A (Broward)  
Franklin Academy B (Broward)  
Franklin Academy E (Broward)  
Franklin Academy F (Broward)  
Franklin Academy 3 (Broward)  
Franklin Academy B (Palm Beach)  
Franklin Academy C (Palm Beach)  
Franklin Academy D (Palm Beach),

the proposed budget amendments for each charter are hereby ratified, adopted and approved.

## 5) Presentations

- Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Principal/Team (SUN)
  - Discovery Education Benchmark Assessment Data
  - Curriculum Collaboration
    1. I-Ready interactive instructional online tool
    2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Portfolio Assessments (3 Broward Campuses)
    3. "Rethinking Kindergarten"- collaboration with 5 campuses regarding Kindergarten grading.

## 1. Shared Dropbox- Assessment/Lessons

- Facilitating meetings to support the Franklin Academy principals in support
- Franklin Academy IB program implementation
  1. World School authorization visit (Cooper City) on January 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  2. Continued exploration process for Pembroke Pines in preparation for submission of Candidacy Application for the Middle Years Program.
- Continuing AdvancEd Accreditation process for each individual campus- Ms. LeRose met with Boynton Beach and PBG to review process
  
- Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Principal/Team (Sunrise)
  - School Update
    - Franklin News & Accolades
    - Preliminary data regarding free/reduced lunch- Title I
    - After Assessments, rescheduled many students to fit academic needs
    - Chess accolades
    - Professional Development
    - Recent/Upcoming Events
    - Raising Quails
    - Young Scholars recognition program
    - Art exchange with students in Kenya
    - Charitable Projects
  
- Ms. Elena Diaz, Principal/Team (Pembroke Pines)
  - School Update
    - Enrollment Update
    - Technology Bond Opportunity - Ordered technology
    - Franklin News & Accolades
    - School-Wide Assessments
    - Progress Monitoring continuing
    - Targeted Intervention/Enrichment
    - Staff Development Quarter 2
    - Field Trips Quarter 2
    - Recent Events/Parent Workshops
    - Character Education/Community Service Projects
    - 2015 Fundraising Highlights and Goals
    - Quarter 2 After School Clubs

- Quarter 2 Grants and Prizes Received
- Mr. Doug Piper, Principal/Team (Cooper City)
  - School Update
    - Enrollment Update
    - Staffing- Two current openings
    - School Wide Assessments
    - Progress Monitoring
    - Professional Development
    - Fundraising
    - Recent Events/Parent Workshops
    - Upcoming Events
    - Charitable Projects
- g. Mr. Christopher Ginton, Principal/Team (BB)
  - School Update
    - Enrollment Update
    - School Wide Assessments
    - Progress Monitoring
    - Staff Development
    - School Activities
    - Fundraising
    - PTO
    - Charitable Projects
    - Upcoming Events for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
    - Technology Purchases
    - Staffing- Fully staffed beginning in January
- Ms. Ivy Benardo, Principal/Team (PBG)
  - School Update
    - Enrollment Update
    - School Wide Assessments
    - Progress Monitoring
    - Staff Development
    - School Activities
    - Fundraisers
    - PTO Fundraisers
    - Charitable Projects
    - Technology Purchases
    - Professional Development Purchases

Dr. Thomas request that the Principals add staffing vacancies to the provided School Update Template.

- h. Mr. Richard Moreno, Consultant – Financial Report
  - Contact Legislators regarding Capital Outlay- they are tired of hearing from lobbyists and hearing from charter school parents would be beneficial
  - Budget Updates
    - Cooper City and Boynton Beach are the tightest budgets.
  - Proposed Budget
    - Approved as listed in the consent agenda
  
- Ms. Lucy Bonilla, Consultant – School Development
  - Pembroke Pines- (6-12)
    1. Project Overview
    2. Site Overview
    3. Construction Update
      1. Certificate of Occupancy expected July 25, 2016

Dr. Thomas reminded the Board that the initial plan was to sell half of the land to a developer who later backed out of the purchase and our project was reconfigured to take advantage of all 40 acres.

- Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director
  - Welcomed Mrs. Paris as Middle School Assistant Principal of PBG
  - Congratulated Ms. Benardo as the Principal of PBG
  - Confirmed Ms. Brown (K) is an official recipient of the Florida's Best and Brightest Scholarship program.
  - New applicants for FY17
  - Marketing
    1. Post Cards
    2. Campus Tours
    3. Upcoming Parent Information Sessions for the MS/HS Campus
  - Organizational Overview/Update
    1. OCR Case Update
    2. High School Principal Search
    3. Parent Information Center- Housed at Cooper City Campus
    4. Florida Charter School Conference- 24 attendees from Franklin campuses/Franklin Academy Dinner
    5. National School Lunch Program Update- Audit in March
    6. Headlines in News- Board Members from the SDPBC have been challenging Charter Schools
      1. IDEA Funding slashed after budgets were already approved.

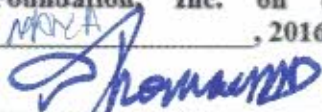
2. Recently received letter from Superintendent that IDEA funding will be restored to last year's rates but expects that cuts will be made for the 2016-17 school year.
3. Pembroke Pines Winter Showcase- occurred at Sunrise Campus.

6) Resolutions

- No other resolutions.

7) Adjournment – 8:40 PM

Ratified and Approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of Florida Charter Foundation, Inc. on this 10 day of March, 2016.



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Name: Dr. David L. Thomas  
Title: Board Chair