

Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

Meeting began at 5:34 pm

- ❖ Call to order at 5:35 pm
- ❖ Roll call of Attendees
  - Dr. David Thomas
  - Mrs. Brenda Cummings
  - Ms. Cheri Shannon
  - Mrs. Terry Maus
  - Mrs. Christy Messer
  - Mr. Richard Moreno
  - Mr. Tom Rogers
  - Dr. Jacqui Greenberg
  - Mrs. Madelyn Hernandez
  - Ms. Ivy Bernardo
  - Mr. Scott Sznitken
  - Three parents
  - Mrs. Alexandra LeRose
- ❖ Reading of Minutes
  - Review of Minutes from previous 2 board meetings 3/29 and 9/19 were accepted.
- ❖ Consent Agenda- Resolutions:
  - The board accepted the resignation of Mr. Bill Kelly and accepts the appointment of Mrs. Cheri Shannon.
  - The board members authorized Dr. Thomas to execute and bind Franklin Academy to National School Lunch program and related Wellness policy.
- ❖ Presentations:
  - Presentation by Mrs. Brenda Cummings
    - Enrollment:
      - 96% recommit rate; currently 1326 enrolled
      - 12,500 total applications for FAPP for first 2 years
    - Withdraw procedures
    - Average class size
      - K-3 School Average per Class = 18.03 students
      - 4-8 School Average per Class = 20.96 students
    - Employee data:
      - 2011-12 School year employee data review and provided
      - 2012-13 School year employee data review and provided
    - FCAT Data:
      - Franklin Academy vs. STATE and DISTRICT presented; data used to assist in planning the curriculum
      - Learning Gains presented
        - 78% of students made learning gains in 11-12; all Algebra and Geometry students past End Of Course exams
        - Currently, there are 50 Algebra students and 11 Geometry students which are given high school credits
    - Newsletter
      - The school's October newsletter was reviewed and provided.
    - PTO/SAC committee votes to take place within the month
    - Accreditation:

- Readiness visit occurred in August, school's readiness site visit to proceed was approved; dates for review have been asked for, awaiting response.
- National School Lunch Program sponsor application due early November
  - Currently there are 282 students receiving free lunch and 71 students receiving reduced lunch.
- Fundraisers:
  - Pediatric Cancer Awareness, over 1500 came Band-Aids were collected
  - Finest Chocolate fundraiser is currently going on
  - Book Fair raised \$8,000 which will go back into the library
- Program Changes:
  - Start of school day was changed to 8:00 from 7:45
  - Middle School was moved to one wing and 4-5 to the other wing
  - Online textbooks and resources
    - Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Sznitken are currently working on creating adding these resources to the school web site.
  - Professional Growth Plans for teachers
  - Mentoring/New Teacher Program
  - Response to Intervention Coordinator
- Program Needs:
  - More cameras for the current blind spots
  - Laptop carts or iPads for computer based testing support
  - We currently have 383 workstations & 79 laptops

Mr. Rogers is working with Mrs. Hernandez finding funding for grants for iPads for one classroom and for one teacher of each gender.
- Out of Field
  - Three Teachers are currently out of field.
    - Mr. Farver - out of field for 2 blocks of science; awaiting for his test results
    - Mr. Gonzalez- waiting for results for his computer sciences
    - Mrs. LeRose needs reading certification; currently teaching one class of reading in 7<sup>th</sup> grade which is out of field
- Presentation by Mr. Moreno
  - Budget reviewed and provided
  - Reviewed Audits Results for Franklin Academy A and B
  - Current financial concerns discussed
- Presentation by Mr. Rogers
  - Palm Beach Gardens: delayed to a 2014 opening; waiting on new purchase agreement since the previous one expired

- Boynton Beach: airport states we're in a non-educational zone; waiting for variance or exception by Dec. gives us a 2014 opening
  - Cooper City: closing is expected to take place 10/12 or 10/15
  - Pembroke Pines: 4 acres adjacent to the east of the campus is under contract
  - Palm Beach County has approved two more charters for Franklin Academy
  - Franklin academy is currently under negotiations for a high school in Pembroke Pines
- ❖ Public Speakers:
- Charles Steven- Works for FAA offered suggestions on how to deal with Palm Beach Garden airport, suggested laptops instead of iPads, stated great job at drop off and pick up as well as our middle school
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> parent- asked about looping
- ❖ Board Member Items- none
- ❖ Resolutions
- Resolved that Scott Sznitken is designated as a registered agent of the board authorized to conduct business on behalf of the board
  - Resolved to release the rents being withheld in escrow, pending completion of the punch list; withholding up to \$25,000.00 of the release for resolution of the final matter.
  - Resolved that the board chair is authorized to execute the lease agreement to cover acquisition of additional four acres to the East of the Pembroke Pines campus, on behalf of the Franklin Academy for future school use.
  - Resolved to authorize Dr. Thomas to finalize negotiations of lease with Canyon Agassi on Franklin Academy – Boynton Beach and to execute final lease agreement
  - Resolved that the board chair is authorized to amend the current lease rent schedule to accommodate change orders made during construction.
- ❖ Items for Next Meeting- none
- ❖ Dates for Next Meeting
- Next meeting in MARCH, email to a closer date for approval
- ❖ Adjournment at 6:49 pm