

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

Board Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2014  
7:00 p.m. at Franklin Academy, Boynton Beach, FL

### **Board Members:**

Present: Dr. David Thomas – Chairman, Ms. Catherine Arcabascio, and Dr. Jacqueline Greenberg

Via Phone: Ms. Alexandra Lonsdale

Absent: Ms. Debbie Platz

Others Present: Mr. Scott Sznitken – Florida Charter Foundation, Mr. Tom Rogers – Consultant with Discovery Schools, Ms. Elena Diaz – Principal, Mrs. Diacris Cardoso – Assistant Principal, Mr. Charlie Coddington – Assistant Principal.

### **Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.**

#### **Roll Call**

1. Approval of Minutes: December 23, 2014 Meeting. Minutes accepted with an addition of one member to be listed as present who was not accounted for in the written copy.
2. Opening Remarks and Introductions: Dr. David Thomas began by having each person in attendance introduce themselves.
3. Public Speakers. No public speakers have requested time to speak.
4. Board Member Items
  - a. Academic Year – Date Selection (Broward and Palm Beach Counties). It is proposed that the start date and end date of the Broward and Palm Beach County schools calendars.
  - b. Principal Candidate Introduction. The candidate, Dr. Valerie Paine, was interviewed and was considered by Dr. Thomas, Mr. Sznitken, Mr. Rogers, and each of the principals and everyone found her to be very impressive. Dr. Thomas noted that the candidate was not interested in the Boynton Beach location but was interested in the Palm Beach Gardens location.
  - c. Boynton Beach First Year Challenges – Dr. Thomas noted that there were many challenges this year at the Boynton Beach location. Dr. Thomas stated that there have been allegations brought suggesting that board members may have received monetary commission, which is untrue. He went on to state that the base salary for teachers at the first year campuses reflected the enhancement and enrichment that was to be given by the state of Florida. Dr. Thomas has put forth a motion to reconfigure the Boynton Beach salary budget to reflect a \$2,000 bonus for staff members employed at this time and again on June 30<sup>th</sup> where one half will be dispersed within 30 days, and the other half will be given at the end of the school year. Mr. Rogers also stated that there was

- an initial plan of spending approximately \$100,000 to resurface the fields with artificial turf.
- d. Authorize Dr. Thomas to negotiate and execute the transportation contracts for 2014-15 school year. Motion was moved and approved.
  - e. Authorize Dr. Thomas to negotiate and execute food service contracts for 2014-15 school year. Motion was moved and approved.
  - f. Authorize Dr. Thomas to negotiate and execute janitorial services contracts for 2014-15 school year. Motion was moved and approved.
5. Public Speakers -- No public speakers wish to speak.
  6. Presentations
    - a. *Ms. Elena Diaz*, Interim Principal
      - i. School Update – Ms. Diaz presented a “Principal’s Report” document which will be attached at the end of this document.
    - b. *Mr. Rogers*, Consultant – School Development.
      - i. The Franklin Academy logos have now been registered with the patented office, and Mr. Rogers would like for the board to move towards an authorization of Mr. Sznitken and the board to the monitoring of the Franklin Academy logo. Dr. Thomas has stated that he does not wish for commercial businesses to sell items with the logo on it in order to make a profit.
      - ii. Mr. Rogers went on to discuss the latest information of the construction of the Palm Beach Gardens campus. He then discussed that the 6-12 Pembroke Pines campus was being held up in the courts over a municipal dispute and is projected to open in the 2015-16 school year. The permit process has continued. The board is not at risk with any liability as a result of the litigation.
      - iii. A parcel has been proposed to be purchased near Sunrise, FL for a K-8 campus for the 2015-16 school year.
  7. Resolutions – Mr. Sznitken proposed a resolution that allows the Boynton Beach campus to amend the contract with the District to include language that allows the school to implement either the Discovery Education benchmark assessment or something comparable, instead of using the District benchmark assessments. Motion was moved and approved.
  8. Items for Next Meeting – Salary allocation for the faculty and staff as deemed appropriate by the school principal.
  9. Date for Next Meeting – Sometime in the month of May when board members schedules allow.
  10. Adjournment -- 8:15 p.m.