

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School (BFCCPS)
Board of Trustees Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
Thursday, March 8th, 2012 7:00pm

Attendance: President: Lori Clements, Vice President: Anna dos Santos, Ed Callahan, Treasurer: Jerry Cimmino, Clerk: Don Tappin, Mary Barton-Rau, Lax Iyer, Santhi Marusamy, Poh-Lin Yeoh, Head of School Dr. Kevin O'Malley, Assistant Head of School Heather Zolnowski and Director of School Operations and Student Activities Joe Perna

Absent: Tom Viveiros

Call to Order (7:06pm): Lori welcomes all and thanks Anna for presiding over meeting last month in her absence. She asks people to think about a succession plan and do we want to look at the Asst HOS as part of the succession plan.

Recognition of the Month (7:08pm): Second graders, Madame Trotin introduces, students who present their heritage research projects and speak about what they learned and field questions from Trustees. Students pass around their family trees.

Open Comment Period (7:17pm):
None

Clerk's Report (7:17pm): Minutes from February not ready in time for this meeting.

Head of School Report (7:19pm): Dr. O'Malley hands out docs. States all things are well at BFCCPS and MCAS is starting soon. Have had an enormous enrollment season with 431 applicants from 18-20 different towns for approx. 25 spots, spread through K-8, covered very well in the upper grades this year, particularly in grade six where we had 26 applicants. Interest in BFCCPS is as strong as it has ever been and we can count on being fully enrolled moving forward. Lottery took place this past Tuesday and notices have been sent to students.

BFCCPS held pillar night recently where the focus is the four pillars of the school and their impact on education/curriculum. Focus this year was parents as primary educators and giving the parents tools to assist them.

Four workshops: technology workshop, empower writing process, reading strategies, math fact and math support. Wonderfully attended, approx 80 parents sat in on all four workshops.

Dr. O'Malley wants to recognize two Board of Trustee members. Because of one of our Board of Trustees, Anna dos Santos, we now have Encyclopedia Britannica. Also, wants to acknowledge Lax Iyer, who put us in contact with a Nobel Laureate who may be visiting BFCCPS.

Treasurer's Report (7:41pm): Jerry reviews financial statement included in the BoT packet.

Action Register (7:43pm): Anna reviews action register included in BoT packet.

Governance Report (7:48pm):

Policy 25, sec. 1202 cash disbursements: Jerry reviews changes.

Motion: Anna initiates and Lax seconds a motion to.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Policy 18 – Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco: Joe reviews changes. Change to section 5.3 is modified to apply only to students.

Motion: Lori initiates and Jerry seconds a motion to approve changes to Policy 18.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Policy 8 – Library Materials:

Motion: Anna initiates and Ed seconds a motion to approve changes to Policy 8.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Board size for next year (policy 2, sec. 5.2)

Motion: Lori initiates and Mary seconds a motion to decrease the size of the BoT to nine including the Faculty representative.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

Nominating Report (8:18pm): review of nomination documents and nominating process.

Annual Appeal Update (8:55pm): Mary and Poh-Lin update on the annual appeal \$20,165- raised year to date

Mission Committee – Vision Statement (9:00pm):

Motion: Don initiates and Santhi seconds a motion to approve the formal vision statement.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.

HR – report on meeting with HOS on YTD goals status (9:05pm): Lori met with Dr. O’Malley. All goals are on track.

Create Core Knowledge Task Force (9:08pm): Discussion about what the task force should be tasked with that being to evaluate the impact of core knowledge in our school now and what would we need to do if we wanted to continue to be a core knowledge school. Anna and Santhi are going to co-chair who will begin forming committee.

Adjournment (9:24pm):

Motion: Anna initiates and Jerry seconds a motion to adjourn meeting.

Comments: none

Result: Motion passes unanimously.