



SAC MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2017

Ben Franklin Academy
4:10 pm - 5:10 pm

Attended by: Sarah Nisbet, Mette Castor, Bryan Molen, Cindy Brawley, Beth Marchisio, and Ann Citrin

I. WELCOME

- Introductions and Open Comments

II. APPROVE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Approved Cindy motioned, Mette 2nd

III. TASKS –

A. Description of SAC and roles

Tabled till our August meeting when prospective new members can attend our SAC meeting.

B. By-Laws

Ann Citrin joined our meeting to share some insight about requirements for our bylaws.

We do not have to align with the District SAC bylaws – just the state standards. We need more time over the summer to review state standards and choose from the district what we'd like to include.

C. UIP Update

We did not get to hear about the UIP this past year. Will make sure we have an academic representative next year to share with the SAC – state requirement.

D. DAC Update - Cindy

SAC Handbook for training. 1 new charter school, 3 up for vote in June. New school boundaries proposed for next year.

E. Surveys

Sarah and Mette will present the student survey at the June 2nd Board retreat. Sarah, Mette, and Cindy will analyze data and meet before the 2nd to compose the power point presentation.

F. POLICY REVIEW

- Homework Policy (Board to review in August)

Pg. 3 BFA Nightly Homework Expectations chart add Lexia to Reading, Writing, and Spelling K-2 and 3-5 (where applicable) We're doing it and the students are graded so it should be included on this policy.

- Meta Policy (Board to review in August)

No comments or suggestions

- Traffic and Parking Management Policy (Board to review in August)

Pg. 1 1st sentence of purpose take out at the utmost.including the safety of the students and their environment.

Pg. 2 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence change BFA's pre-kindergarten students to preschool. (consistent with name of program and reference in unloading and loading zones.

Pg. 2 last sentence of 1st paragraph, what is a Lightning Bolt pass and are they still used? If not remove.

Pg. 2 Conduct and Compliance 2nd paragraph are fines given and are report cards being withheld? Whose job is it to enforce this?

Additional comments: Can we add a section about the procedure for lightning delay? Is there a procedure in place for when the technology goes down or isn't working properly? These would be good references for parents when things don't always work out.

IV. OPEN MEETING

All School Accountability Committee ("SAC") meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meeting Requirements.

The Ben Franklin Academy SAC works for the students, parents and patrons of Ben Franklin Academy in promoting the mission and vision of the school. Community input that is helpful to meeting the challenge of educating our children is always welcome. Thus, the SAC welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic. This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

During open comments please limit your remarks to two minutes. Groups with similar viewpoints are encouraged to select one spokesperson to address the SAC.

The SAC may choose to respond to public comments during this open forum but is not required to do so. The SAC will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the SAC will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.

V. BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY

MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character.