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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

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5:30 PM  
Ben Franklin Academy

In Attendance: Jason Sanders, Paige Brock, Jason Sunahara, Staci Ferguson, Becky Mullen, Matt Matherly, Ward Cerny

Other Notables: Diana Simpson: Academic Director, Bob Barber: Principal, Brenda Sepan: Business Manager, Andrea Day: PAC President

- Opening (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
    - Welcome/Announcements/mission/vision
    - Pledge of allegiance
    - Amend/approve agenda
      - Bob Barber needs us to approve kindergarten fees and student fees for 2013-2014
      - Jason Sanders moves to move the naming rights to be with fundraising priorities.
      - Jason Sunahara moves to approve the amended agenda
        - Becky seconds the motion.
        - The motion is unanimously approved
  - Review calendar (5 minutes) – Staci Ferguson
    - CSSI visit in February
    - Board Elections start in March
  - Consent agenda (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
    - Approve minutes from December 11, 2012, board meeting
    - Jason Sunahara moves approve the consent agenda
      - Paige seconds the motion
      - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Open Comments (3 minutes/person) – Jason Sunahara
    - Remarks will be limited to three minutes.
    - Rob Griggs: Parent: Carpooling and Lunch Volunteer Opportunities, and ways to get parents more involved.
  - Coordinate fundraising priorities
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- Discuss potential naming rights for the gym, library, labs, and/or greenhouse (5 minutes) – Paige Brock
    - Bob Barber and Brenda Bauer will have the say to accept donations for events.
    - Anything building related will go to the board for discussion and vote.
  - Principal's report (45 minutes) – Bob Barber
    - CSSI visit prep
  - Committee Reports
    - Technology (5 minutes)
      - Getting the last of our technology in the next 2 weeks.
    - Marketing (5 minutes)
      - Some cameras have been donated to the school
    - PAC (5 minutes)
      - Not getting a great attendance at BFF socials. PAC would like some ideas on how to boost attendance.
    - PTO (5 minutes)
    - STEM (5 minutes)
      - Science Fair planning. The committee is meeting weekly trying to get things ready.
    - Grant (5 minutes)
      - Working on a Aqua-ponics grant
      - Looking at greenhouse opportunities
      - Working on a plan for skin cancer prevention and education so we can receive a shade for the back area.
    - Finance (5 minutes)
    - SAC (5 minutes)
      - Parent survey will go out the 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Curriculum (5 minutes)
      - Forming a curriculum committee. It will be data driven.
  - Second reading of the Asset Management Policy (5 minutes) – Ward Cerny
    - Jason Sanders moves to approve the revised Asset Management Policy
      - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
      - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Second, second reading of the Teacher Compensation Policy (5 minutes) – Jason Sanders
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- Jason Sunahara moves to approve the Teacher Compensation Policy with the grammatical corrections.
    - Becky Mullen seconds the motion
    - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Review the teacher evaluation survey (15 minutes) – Matt Matherly
  - Fees for 2013-2014 school year.
    - Kindergarten:
      - Get rid of the incentive to pay up front before school starts.
      - Tuition – leave the amount same as this year.
    - Student Fees:
      - Raise \$10 – go from \$150 for elementary to \$160, and Middle School from \$160 to \$170.
    - Jason Sanders makes a motion that all day kindergarten tuition remain the same, all student fees will be raised \$10, and eliminate the early payment incentive for all day kindergarten and preschool full year pre-payment for the 2013-2014 school year.
      - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
      - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Convene in executive session (a closed session) (20 minutes) - Sanders
    - Motion to resolve into executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
      - Jason Sanders moves to resolve into executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
        - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
        - Yeas – Paige Brock, Staci Ferguson, Ward Cerny, Matt Matherly, Becky Mullen
      - Jason Sanders moves to resolve out of executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
        - Paige Brock seconds the motion
        - Yeas – Jason Sunahara, Staci Ferguson, Ward Cerny, Matt Matherly, Becky Mullen
    - No votes were taken while in executive session.
  - Summary
    - Newsletter
      - Staci Ferguson will get a paragraph to Bob Barber about the upcoming elections.
    - Review future board agenda items
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- Paige Brock moves to adjourn
  - Jason Sanders seconds the motion

All board meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meeting Requirements.

The Ben Franklin Academy Board works for the students, parents and patrons of Ben Franklin Academy in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating our children to our high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic.

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

This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

## **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.

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