SAC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2015

Ben Franklin Academy
4:00pm-5:00pm

I.   WELCOME/ OPEN COMMENTS

ATTENDANCE: ANN CITRIN, CHERYL MURPHY, SEBRINA IVEY, SARAH NISBIT, BARBARA SPENCER

II.   APPROVE JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

III.   TASKS –

PARENT SURVEY/STUDENT SURVEY
- Reviewed trends
- Advise administration to
1. Look into Technology class to ensure that it is more than learning to type.
2. Try to find room in budget to hire a foreign language teacher for middle school.
3. Re-evaluate homework guidelines and whether they are being followed.
- Concern for climate regarding volunteering at the school. Many feel like they are being repeatedly yelled at to volunteer.
- Volunteer ideas:
- Volunteer Commitment Form - at the beginning of the school year have parents sign a "I commit to volunteering 30 hours this school year." May give more of a commitment if they have signed it.
- Get to know new Kindergarden families earlier than the week before school starts - in May??? They are the future of the school and we should welcome them with open arms. Should have a kiddie tour of school in May and discuss concrete opportunities for them to get involved. Specifically invite them to committee meetings.
- Many folks feel that they sign up that they are interested in a topic for help counter and then they get no response. Maybe have a "volunteer committee" that works with the teachers and the administrators to identify volunteeer opportunties and helps with follow up emails to those who have shown interest in an area.

- BABYSITTING COMMITTEE - A GROUP THAT WOULD CIRCULATE A LIST OF FAMILIES THAT WOULD WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN WATCHING KIDS WHILE OTHERS VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL AKIN TO THE RIDE ARRANGERS LIST.

- 10 HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR LUNCH ROOM AND PARKING IS INTIMIDATING AND MAKES PEOPLE   FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE FAILED EVEN IF THEY HAVE GIVEN OVER 30 HOURS TO

THE SCHOOL. MAYBE GIVE CREDIT OF TIME AND A HALF CREDIT FOR ENCOURAGEMENT INSTEAD.

POLICY REVIEW–
- Board of Directors Election Policy - no comment
- Volunteer and Visitor Policy - no comment

REVIEW CURRENT ASSESSMENTS

FILL VACANT SEATS
POSTPONED BECAUSE NO QUORUM.

UIP UPDATE
DRAFT FORM; DISTRICT AND STATE UNSURE WHEN GETTING TEST RESULTS; UIP WILL BE SIMPLIFIED OVERTIME

IV.   REPORT FROM DISTRICT SAC

V.   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.

VII.   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.