

**BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY
BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONS**

1. What motivates you to want to serve on the board? What makes this the “right time” for you?

I’m at a point in my life where I am in a successful, fulfilling, and stable career. I have found balance between my children, my career, and my independence. With this balance I realized that I have extra time that I would like to devote to something meaningful that I am passionate about. The mission of BFA speaks to me and how I want my children raised and the people I want them to become....kind, curious, respectful....etc. There is a need in this world and I think it is great that it is a part of the BFA culture and curriculum.

2. Should you become a board member, what skills, resources or expertise do you feel you would personally add to the board that we may or may not already have?

My professional experience, with 18 years of Finance/Accounting, could be extremely useful to the Board, especially with the Charter Renewal in 2019. I have completed numerous Budgets and Strategic Plans in my career, and have experience speaking with/to C-Suite executives. I have also worked with other Board of Directors preparing information to address key needs/questions, so I have a view of what a Board looks for and have attended meetings to know how they generally run.

3. If elected/appointed, what is your number one priority/platform for your term?

This is actually a tough question to answer. I believe BFA operates better than any school I have had experience with. There are 2 things I would like to explore as a Board member:

1. Safety in the Digital World. Kids are getting smart phones/tablets earlier and earlier. I worry that human interaction/communication/relationship building will happen via Social Media and direct face-to-face communication will be a thing of the past. I would love if the BFA community could explore not only how to keep our children safe in the Digital World, but how to bring them back to real life. Some ideas could be to have more outdoor activity time, or team building events like they do in Corporate America, projects that include non-screen time....etc. I know a lot of this has to happen at home, but if we could arm the parents on ways to keep “screen time” down, it would only benefit our children.

2. Uniforms. The uniforms tend to be unkempt at times. They've been handed down and sold many times over due to the high cost of Educational Outfitters. Kids would look better and cleaner if more than one vendor was offered. My son has eczema and he has constant rashes from the pants as they are so harsh on his skin. I don't know the background as to why we have Educational Outfitters only, but would like to explore cheaper and better quality options.
4. **Why is education generally and BFA specifically important to you?** Education gives people knowledge of the world around us and has the potential to change it into something better. It develops in us a perspective of looking at life. It helps people build opinions and develop their own points of view. It allows people to have the tools to make good decisions in their life and hopefully, when done correctly, forces people to be accountable for their actions. BFA takes education one step further and looks to grow curious and kind people. It focuses on building character. This is not something that can be taught, but can be learned and BFA does a great job at that.
5. **If the Parent Voting Group does not elect you, would you like to be considered for the Board-appointed seat?** Absolutely, yes.

Optional: upload/email resume- See Attached