



SAC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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

Attended by: Cindy Brawley, Sarah Nisbet, Mette Castor, Candace McGinty, Courtney Jourbala, Diana Simpson, Jen Schocker

I. WELCOME

- Introductions and Open Comments

II. APPROVE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES – Sarah 1st, Cindy 2nd

III. TASKS –

A. Discussion of SAC Resolution of Bond/MLO and vote: SAC chose to not say for or against, we are choosing not to take a political stance. This SAC resolution that was asked to be passed by SAC committees was put together by a parent group and not DCSD.

B. Parent Survey - Discuss format, questions and timing: Would prefer one per year, but shortened. Before our next meeting Cindy will export the survey questions and each member will choose questions that should be eliminated. If all in agreement these questions will be removed and will discuss other questions in a web conference.

C. UIP review: Josh Rau: 16-17 76.4 overall score, 17-18 88 overall score. Elementary growth increased from meet to exceeds and approaching to meets. Middle school held steady with meets and exceeds. Final scores will be confirmed in December.

D. DAC Update: Sarah: DAC meetings are organized differently this year having members sit with their feeder schools and being a bigger part of the conversation. Teacher evaluations were discussed, however BFA uses their own teacher evaluation system.

E. Policy Review and Board Update from Steve

- Document Retention Policy (Board to review in October): Pg 2, 2nd paragraph, omit the...and are not necessary to the functioning of **the** DCSD,....
- Environmental Education Policy (Board to review in October): Section 2 recommended to swap the word entire for whole. Environmental education is the responsibility of the **entire** school community. (Instead of **whole** school community)
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Policies and Procedures (Board to review in November): Remove words in quotation marks within parentheses. This is not done in other policies and we should be consistent. Pg. 1, Section 2 under Purpose (“BFA”), under Responsibility (“DCSD”), Pg.5, Section 6 under Purpose

("Cash"), Pg. 7, under Petty Cash Funds ("Petty Cash")....All should read (BFA), (DCSD), (Cash), and (Petty Cash).

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.