

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School (BFCCPS)
Board of Trustees Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2011 7:00pm
School Library

Attendance:

President: Lori Clements, Treasurer: Jerry Cimmino, Clerk: Don Tappin, Poh-Lin Yeoh, Lax Iyer, Head of School Dr. Kevin O'Malley, Assistant Head of School Heather Zolnowski and Director of School Operations and Student Activities Joe Perna, Nav Chander (7:30)

Absent:

Vice President: Anna dos Santos, Rich Frongillo, Ed Callahan, Tom Viveiros, Stephan Katinas

Call to Order, Comment by the Chair (7:04pm):

Lori opens meeting. Thanks everyone for attending. Anna, Rich and Ed are with school trips so will not be present at this evenings meeting. Ed, Nav, Anna and Lori participated on pillar night. Field Day t-shirt's order. June BOT meeting will be on Thursday, June 9th NOT June 8th. Annual retreat scheduled for July 16th. Lori attended French performance. The BFCCPS students did an amazing job and were the only middle school in attendance. Po-Lin, agreed to be the nominating committee point person. Interested parties should let Po-Lin know. Trustees interested in officer positions should let Lori know by next meeting.

Clerks Report (7: 36):

VOTE: To approve minutes from the March 10, 2011 BOT meeting

COMMENTS: none

MOTION: Don initiates and Jerry seconds a motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2011 BOT meeting

RESULT: The motion passes unanimously

Recognition of the Month (7:08pm):

Approximately a dozen students from the second and third grade classes were present to discuss their classes community service related projects they and their fellow students have participated in. Some of the service projects involved working at the senior center, putting together Valentines bags for the seniors and a bake sale to benefit Japan and a "Jeans for Japan" is a service project. Students introduce parents.

Break while waiting for quorum (7:28pm – 7:37pm):

Open Comment Period (7:37pm):

none

Head of School Report (7:37pm):

Dr. O'Malley: All trips (Cape Cod, D.C., Quebec) going well. Schools taking trips of this nature are becoming rarer because of budget pressure, testing pressure, etc.

Heather: Students recently finished first round of MCAS testing. They are starting to prepare for second round of testing. Parent Enrichment Council (PEC), made up of Heather Deb Schwab, Joel Sobin and 7-8 parents, which was formed to plan parental enrichment activities has planned on April 16th a Earth Day Service Project and a BFCCPS beautification day on April 30th. Parent Enrichment Council will be sending a by-monthly newsletter on pillar education, activities, etc. that tie in with the character education.

Pillar night was well attended. BFCCPS has partnered with Franklin Public Schools to bring in Elizabeth Englander on June 13th to speak on bullying.

Destination Imagination, 3 teams, kindergarten through 8th grade represented BFCCPS, both parents and students did wonderful job. Through the generosity of the PCO that we are able to send DI teams to complete.

Heather and Joe attended the Charter School Delegate Assembly, Marc Keenan, the amendments this year are pretty "charter friendly".

Joe: provides a general update on charter schools in MA. Legislation passed targeted at raising of the caps. 60 different schools applied for new charters 16 (12 in Boston) approved. There are approximately 7700 new charter school students in those 16 new charters.

Pillar night was very successful. It was the second year that BFCCPS held the event. This year's focus was on parent as primary educator, anti-bullying, classical education pillar, community service. Approximately 50-60 people attended the pillar night and they received positive feedback from the evenings discussions.

Treasurer's Report (7:57pm):

Jerry overviewed BFCCPS budget YTD.

The 2011-2012 budget income is presuming an enrollment of 446 students, four higher than 2010-2011, Reason to believe that tuition re-imburement will be a bit higher (\$229 per student) than this year but we will be losing some federal grants that will take a significant amount of that increase. Salaries and personnel related cost biggest factor in the budget. The Finance committee has been looking at wage scales relative to Franklin Public schools and broken current teaching staff into three groups, those whose salary remains under 85% (largest salary increase), those between 85%-100% (more modest salary increase), and those above %100, who are mostly part time employees (bonus only). Total salary increase will be approx. \$60k above this years number. A 10% increase for benefits worked into budget numbers.

Action Register (8:10pm):

Lori runs through action items on document handed out in BOT packet. New Family night Thursday, May 5th. Lori will send out the electronic version of the HOS evaluation form to the Trustees which

needs completed forms by the next BOT meeting.

Annual Fund Update (8:14pm):

Po-Lin: BFCCPS was able to match the grant challenge (\$5k), 10 board members donated as did 10 staff members, 84 total donations. There are approximately 260 families in the BFCCPS community. The annual appeal raised \$8,020 between 2/15-3/18 for a total of \$22,795, \$50. Some matching funds have not been received and are not included in the total. Thank you email was sent out recently.

Executive Session (8:21pm):

VOTE: To move into Executive Session of the purposes of discussing the ongoing lease negotiation

Nav: Yes

Lax: Yes

Don: Yes

Lori: Yes

Jerry: Yes

Po-Lin: Yes