

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School (BFCCPS)
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:00 pm

Attendance: President: Don Tappin, Treasurer: Jerry Cimmino, Clerk: Katie Lepsevich, Kathy Urkevic, Joe Mullen, Lax Iyer, John Williams, Sagar Kamarthi (7:09 pm), Ted Basile (remote 8:45 pm), Head of School: Heather Zolnowski (remote), Assistant Head of School: Joe Perna

Absent:

Call to Order (7: 04pm)

Don welcomed everyone. Need volunteers for New Family Night, Monday, March 24th at 7pm.

Open Comment Period (7:05pm)

No Comments

Clerk's Report (7: 05pm)

Motion: *Jerry Cimmino made motion to approve February 27, 2014 BOT meeting minutes and Lax Iyer seconded it*

Comments: *John Williams abstained due to absence.*

Result: *Motion passes unanimously*

Recognition of the Month (7:13 pm)

Christine Santos, PCO Spring Social Chair on March 23rd 6 - 8:30pm. The most significant PCO fundraising event of the school year: food, entertainment, games and raffle baskets is all possible because of the tremendous amount volunteers who offer their time to planning, marketing, fundraising, and set up/clean up the night of the event. This year included a Student Council representative who participated in the meetings, and was instrumental in obtaining student volunteers.

Treasurer's Report (7: 21 pm)

January financial report presented. Expected to run a strong 160K + favorable balance through the remainder of the year, which is due to tuition reimbursement rate.

Head of School Report (7:22 pm)

Jessica Minnihan presented March 5th at the Professional Development day on the topic of Strategies for Understanding Students with Anxiety-related and oppositional behavior.

Due to an injury, Mrs. Heroux's 1st grade class switched classrooms with Mrs. Dwyer's 4th grade class for easier access for a wheelchair. Thank you to the teachers and families who assisted with the move March 7th - 8th!

Middle School Social for grades 5 -8 was held Friday, March 7th sponsored by Student Council was a big success.

Shraddha Iyer will be representing BFCCPS at the Regional Spelling Bee Friday, March 14th in Lynn, MA.

MCAS testing begins the week of March 17th, and PARCC pilot testing will begin in the next few weeks for 5th and 6th graders. The PARCC test requires online access and a big thank you to Luke Callahan for setting up the infrastructure required.

Enrollment Applications increased by 34% from 2013, and the lottery was held on March 3rd and acceptance letters were mailed.

Caroline Grella auditioned for MMEA Central District Orchestra and was chosen. Will be performing with the Orchestra on 5-3-14.

Read Across America was organized by Karen LaPlaca and held March 5th. Karen was praised for coordinating a wide range of community members who volunteered their time to come and read to the students.

Alternative Compensation Strategies Project: Ed Callahan lead committee members Luke Callahan, Kristin Corcoran, Robin Heroux, Hannah Hinde, and Sue Weidman. Ed presented the committee's findings and formal report. The report will be reviewed by the Finance and Human Resources Committees. The HOS will present options for consideration this year, then more formal discussions will be take place and finalized during the 14' - 15' school year. A final compensation plan to be implemented for 15' - 16' school year.

Action Register (8:52 pm)

Board to identify a Nomination Coordinator for the 14' - 15' Trustee selection process. Sagar Kamarthi will fill the role.

Annual Appeal (8:57 pm)

No update.

Faculty Rep Update (8:58 pm)

No additional information to the compensation discussion.

Committees Update (8:58 pm)

Finance: 14' - 15' budget process underway. RFP's are due March 14th.

Mission: Meeting scheduled week of March 17th

Governance: Policies up for review this cycle are in under review

Human Resource: HOS evaluation is underway with Board and Staff surveys online

Facilities: No update.

Adjournment (9:16 pm)

Motion: *Joe Mullen made motion to adjourn and Kathy Urkevic seconded it*

Comments: *None*

Result: *Motion passes unanimously*