

Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc.
(Benjamin Franklin High School)
Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM
Benjamin Franklin High School Library

Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** 4:08 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Duris Holmes, Carl Indest, Collette Creppell, Mark Mayer, Gary Ostroske and Susan Weeks.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** It was noted that item items 4.a. Approval of Minutes needed to be removed and 7.b. Faculty Handbook needed to be added to the agenda. With changes noted, the approval was put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
4. **Consent Items:**
 - a. **Principal/CEO Summary** – the summary had been mailed to all members of the board for review.
5. **CFO Report** - Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
 - a. Financial statements for June were emailed and discussed.
6. **Information/Discussion**
 - a. **2011-2012 Admissions (Dr. Rusnak/Lynn Jenkins)**
 1. Current number of enrolled students is 743
 2. Falcon Open House – Oct 6th
 3. All Board Members are invited to have lunch with the faculty on August 8th. After lunch Larry Baudoin is to present the current year budget, Allison Bowler is to discuss payroll and other business office items and Christy Read is to give a presentation about Development.
 4. Susan Weeks explained the freshman class is currently 222 per Vicki Pellecchia's enrollment data. The 10/11 freshman class was 192.
 5. Lynn Jenkins will be reminding parents and students during registration about the importance of completing the Free & Reduced lunch forms. The forms will be included in the packets the students receive the first day of school.
 6. The Parents Association will be hosting refreshments in the Cafeteria during the Sophomore and Freshman fee days which will be held Thursday, Aug 4th and Friday, Aug 5th.
 7. A New Parent Coffee is being planned for mid-August. A formal presentation about the importance of parent involvement will be made in addition to Christy Read planting the seed about Development and discuss the GAP.
 8. Lynn Jenkins provided a breakdown of the statistics of incoming students.
 9. Mark Mayer provided a recap of the Development Committee meeting that occurred July 14th. During the meeting the committee discussed the Alumni Association and ways to improve alumni giving. Since the 10-11 Phon-A-Thon was successful with parents, the committee will institute one for alumni. The committee also discussed developing Corporate Sponsorships of the School's capital projects.

b. Charter Renewal (Duris)

1. A signed copy of the charter was turned in to Orleans Parish School Board on June 29th. Duris has not received a copy signed by OPSB to date.

7. Action

a. Proposed budget for 2011-2012 – Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed

1. The 11/12 fiscal year budget was discussed. The finance committee had previously reviewed various budget scenarios, and believed the budget based on a student count of 720 was realistic for the school. It also would allow for \$100,000 of net income in order to begin rebuilding net assets.

b. Faculty Handbook – Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed

Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:20 pm