

**Ben Franklin High School Association
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Josephine Everly.

Parent Liaison

Parent Liaison Rachel Becker asked for advice on what to request in the Title I grant request that is due this week. The grant awards money for ideas that increase parental involvement. Ideas include an LED sign to hang on the building or supplies used to promote events. People liked the idea of the sign. Concerns about the sign included the time and money required to keep the sign up to date and the software upgraded. Everly suggested that the purchase of supplies such as printer ink and postcard stock would be better received for a Federal grant. After discussion, the group recommended that Becker ask for supplies in the grant.

Becker passed out the school's Parental Involvement Policy. She requested that people send her any feedback or suggestions. There was a discussion about hosting a Parent Day, a day in which there would be speakers, events and handouts just for parents.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Secretary Libby Black asked for approval of three sets of meeting minutes. Millie Denegre moved that the September 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes be approved. Josie Everly seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote. Josie moved that the October 20, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes be approved. Millie Denegre seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote. Judy Zanchi moved that the October 20, 2009 General Membership Meeting Minutes be approved. Leslie Clark seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Development Director

Christy Read reported on her trip to Washington, D.C. with Dr. Rusnak to accept the Blue Ribbon award for Ben Franklin. There was a very successful alumni reception with graduates from 1960-2007. The goals of the reception were to create interest in the school, explain what it means to be a charter school and raise money. Trips are scheduled for New York City and Atlanta in 2010.

Ashley Thu-Nguyen commented that some people in the Asian community do not understand the school's charter status. They do not understand when school expenses are not paid for by the state. Read will send Thu-Nguyen information. The suggestion was made to post Q&As and student cost profiles to the parent section of the web site.

A letter will be sent to parents asking for donations to the Silent Auction for Frühlingsfeier festival in the spring.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer is waiting on an update on membership from the Membership Chair. Everly asked for a motion to amend the budget to show a \$1200 expense for College Night. Millie Denegre made the motion to approve the budget item and Judy Zanchi seconded the motion. It was approved by voice vote.

Faculty Liaison

Gerald Schumacher reported that teachers want Saturday Tutoring to expand. He also asked for more involvement from parents at club events, such as the Key Club work day. There is a need for more adult supervision at these events.

Alumni Development

Min Yang suggested that marketing materials could pair the success of Ben Franklin with the success of the Saints. He also suggested a party held during a football game.

Judy Zanchi asked for volunteers to lead the College Freshman Panel scheduled during the holidays.

Libby Black asked that one or more parking spots in the front lot on Leon C. Simon be dedicated to visitors. Christy Read promised to pass this on to the Administration.

Everly adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.