

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

June 30, 2022 – 8:00 AM-1:28 PM

In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, board members Paul Baltes, Thomas Chan, Jay Garlock, Robert Merrill, Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Principals Carrie Banfield, Matt Fullmer, Brandon Winn and Grayson Wolf, Assistant Principals Cherlynn Imes, Brandon Waite, Jody Wihongi, FPA Parents Douglas and Cynthia Kleven, Nicholas and Chad (last names unknown), and FPA Admin Kim Flewallen. Director of Operations Buddy Ivie participated at anchor location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Douglas Kleven questioned why Gay Pride flags are displayed at the Secondary School and requested that they be removed. He also questioned teacher usage of preferred gender pronouns. The Governing Board will respond to his questions/comments via email.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from the May 19, 2022, Governing Board Meeting

Thomas Chan moved to approve the May 19, 2022, Governing Board Meeting minutes with one minor change (addition of Paul Baltes's last name on adjournment).

Paul Baltes seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Robert Merrill abstained.

2. FPA Testing Update

Kim Flewallen shared a graph which showed RISE/Acadience assessment trends at all campuses; final numbers ending with this current spring testing.

FPA3: testing results summarized by Jody Wihongi, Assistant Principal

FPA4: testing results summarized by Brandon Winn, Principal

FPA1: testing results summarized by Cherlynn Imes, Assistant Principal

FPA2: testing results summarized by Matt Fullmer, Principal

FPVA: testing results summarized by Kim Flewallen

Kim Flewallen presented a brief general highlight of testing results at all campuses.

3. Executive Director Summary

Summary emailed to Governing Board members earlier for their review. Robert Merrill complimented the school administrators and noted the school's low turnover rate.

4. FPA Facilities Update

Summary by Buddy Ivie. Mike Cutler, Facilities Manager, oversaw all facilities projects at all campuses. Thomas Chan expressed appreciation for Mike Cutler stepping up at the last minute to drive the bus for the humanitarian trip to Mexico.

5. Approve Early Learning Plan 2022-2023

Principal Grayson Wolf summarized the plan. FPA's Early Learning Plan has been approved by the state, waiting for approval from our Governing Board.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Early Learning Plan for 2022-2023
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

Cary McConnell moved to change agenda items order. Items 6 moved to after 9, and Item 7 tabled for a later meeting. Plus, Item 13 moved to before budget discussion.
Paul Baltes seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

6. Approve or Deny Revised FY 2021-2022 Budget

Chris Helvey summarized budget.

Robert Merrill moved to approve revised FY 2021-2022 Budget
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

7. Approve or Deny Amended FY2022-2023 Budget

Tabled until future meeting.

8. Approve or Deny Changes to Elementary and Secondary Uniform Policies

Lynne Herring explained proposed changes to Elementary Uniform Policy.
Matt Fullmer explained proposed changes to Secondary Uniform Policy.

Thomas Chan moved to approve changes in Elementary and Secondary uniform policies with minor wording changes.
Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

9. Approve or Deny Revisions to the Parent-Student Handbooks 2022-2023

Chris Helvey edited while administrators and governing board members reviewed the handbooks.

Jay Garlock moved to approve the Elementary and Secondary Parent-Student Handbooks for 2022-2023 with discussed edits.
Thomas Chan seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

10. Approve or Deny Revised Policies for School Fees and Fee Waivers and Electronic Devices.

Buddy Ivie explained the policies and suggested revisions.

Paul Baltes moved to accept the revised Policies for School Fees and Fee Waivers with the changes outlined.

Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

Electronic Devices Policy was discussed.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Electronic Devices Policy with minor edits discussed.

Jay Garlock seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

11. Approve or Deny 19 New Policies: 1. Safe Schools, 2. Student Transfer, 3. Records Request, 4. Breast Feeding in the Workplace, 5. American Heritage in the Curriculum, 6. Maintenance of Effort, 7. Property and Equipment Management or Tracking, 8. Constitutional Freedoms in School, 9. Federal Time and Effort, 10. Alternatives to Suspension or Expulsion, 11. Administration of Medication, 12. Corporal Punishment Prohibition, 13. Medical Recommendations, 14. Code of Ethics, 15. Concussions, 16. Parent-School Involvement, 17. Threat and Gang Prevention, 18. Internet Safe Use, and 19. School Sunscreen.

Paul Baltes moved to approve policies: 1. Safe Schools, 2. Student Transfer, 3. Records Request, 5. American Heritage in the Curriculum, 6. Maintenance of Effort, 7. Property and Equipment Management or Tracking, 9. Federal Time and Effort, 12. Corporal Punishment Prohibition, 13. Medical Recommendations, 17. Threat and Gang Prevention, 19. School Sunscreen as written. Robert Merrill seconded. Roll Call Vote. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Thomas Chan abstained.

Paul Baltes moved to adopt policies: 4. Breast Feeding in the Workplace, 8. Constitutional Freedoms in School, 10. Alternatives to Suspension or Expulsion, 11. Administration of Medication, 14. Code of Ethics, 16. Parent-School Involvement, 18. Internet Safe Use with changes suggested.

Cary McConnell seconded. Roll Call Vote. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

12. Utah Open and Meeting Act Training

10 minute online training

13. Approve or Deny Final Decision on Readmission for a Student Attending Secondary School

Discussion ensued.

Paul Baltes moved to readmit the student.

Thomas Chan seconded but then withdrew his second after further discussion which means the motion died.

Cary McConnell moved that the issue be tabled until further discussion in a closed meeting.
Paul Baltes seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

14. Board Assessment and Goals

Paul Baltes moved to table the Concussion Policy and Board Assessment and Goals for a future Governing Board meeting.
Robert Merrill seconded. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

15. Possible Closed Session in accordance with The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act purposes outlined in Utah Code*

Paul Baltes moved to enter into a closed session @ 12:37 PM to discuss possible readmission for student (Item 13)
Thomas Chan seconded. Roll Call Vote. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

GB returned to public session @ 1:16 PM

Paul Baltes moved to readmit the student in question.
The motion died due to lack of second.

Thomas Chan moved to deny the readmission of the student upon further consideration and discussion.
Robert Merrill seconded. Roll Call Vote. 4-1 passed, with Paul Baltes opposing.

Thomas Chan asked that it be stated for the record that this was a very difficult decision.

Next Governing Board meeting scheduled for August 2 @ noon.

16. Adjourn

Cary McConnell moved to adjourn @1:28 PM

*The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board may consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. Seq., Utah Code Ann.