

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

April 27, 2023 – 12:10 PM-12:37 PM

In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, Robert Merrill, CFO (joined @ 12:15), board members Paul Baltes and Jay Garlock (joined @ 12:19), Executive Director Lynne Herring, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie, Principals Matt Fullmer, Brandon Winn, Grayson Wolf, Assistant Principal Brandon Waite, Dean of Academics Kim Flewallen (joined @ 12:18), Curriculum Director Karla Kay Snow. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan participated at the anchor location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from the March 23, 2023, Governing Board Meeting

Paul Baltes moved to approve the March 23, 2023, Governing Board Meeting minutes.
Robert Merrill seconded. 3-0 passed, no opposition; Thomas Chan and Jay Garlock absent.

2. Executive Director Update

One last minute addition from Lynne Herring: we just got word that five secondary students (a two man team and a three man team) are national champions in Esports.

3. Approve Land Trust 2023-2024 Plans

Quick summary of each plan from campus principals:

FPA1 plan summarized by Grayson Wolf:

Very similar to last year's plan. Goal one's focus continues to be on Math and Science. Goal two focuses on ELA. Added funding to support Wonders program: decodable readers and classroom books for read a louds.

Paul Baltes asked about last year's expenditures and whether they yielded favorable findings. Grayson assured him they did. She particularly thinks the math lab has produced positive results.

FPA4 plan summarized by Brandon Winn:

Very similar to FPA1 in that they focus on Math, Science, and ELA. Their second goal is built on software for use in the classrooms. Land Trust funding issues from last year have been reconciled.

FPA3 plan is very similar to FPA1

Governing Board will review RISE test results during the summer retreat to determine whether Land Trust funding should be modified.

FPA2 plan summarized by Matt Fullmer:

All goals correlated to RISE testing results. In addition to consumables, stipends are built in for teacher professional development. Goals focus on funding the fine arts program and the robotics program.

Cary McConnell clarified that FPA1 & FPA2 are included in the same Land Trust Plan.

Robert Merrill moved to approve the 2023-2024 Land Trust plans.

Paul Baltes seconded. 4-0 passed, no opposition; Thomas Chan absent.

4. Review Budget

Updated budget for 2023 will be presented at the Governing Board summer retreat. The 2023-2024 school year budget will also be approved at the GB summer retreat. Robert Merrill thanked Chris Helvey and his team for their continued work.

Discussion ensued concerning auditors presenting at the Governing Board summer retreat. The decision was made that it was not needed.

5. The Governing Board may consider a motion for a Closed Meeting in accordance with The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act for purposes outlined in Utah Code*

Stricken-not needed.

Next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for noon on May 18th, 2023.

Governing Board Summer Retreat is scheduled for 8-12 on June 20th, 2023.

6. Adjourn

Paul Baltes moved to adjourn @ 12:37 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.

Current Board Goals

a. Student and Employee Success

- i. Ensure the development data-driven methods to understand student success.
- ii. Contribute to improving lives through development of policies and practices

b. Operational Efficiency

- i. Require school to operate in the black
- ii. Oversee Retaining and Enrolling Students
- iii. Quarterly Enrollment review
- iv. Regular Policy Review each Board Meeting

c. Community Relations

- i. Be involved regularly in Parent and Student engagement activities
- ii. Evaluate PR quarterly
- iii. Governing Board Members attend and assist fundraisers

d. Specific Areas of Focus

- i. Define what makes Freedom different/unique
- ii. Support consistent culture across campuses