

The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

March 28, 2024 – 12:04PM-1:36PM

In attendance via zoom: Cary McConnell, CAO, Thomas Chan, CFO, board members Austin Anderson (joined at 12:30PM) and Lindsay Owen, Executive Director Grayson Wolf, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie, Principals Cherlynn Imes, Matt Fullmer, Carrie Banfield, and Brandon Winn as well as Karla Kay Snow, Kim Flewallen, and Assistant Principal Brandon Waite. David Robertson joined at 12:45PM. Participating at the anchor location: Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2024, Governing Board Meeting (continued)

Thomas Chan moved to approve the January 17, 2024, Governing Board Meeting minutes.

Cary McConnell seconded. 2-0 passed; Lindsay Owen abstained; Austin Anderson and Paul Baltes absent.

2. Approval of minutes from the February 27, 2024, Governing Board Meeting

Thomas Chan moved to approve the February 27, 2024, Governing Board Meeting minutes.

Lindsay Owen seconded. 3-0 passed; Austin Anderson and Paul Baltes absent.

3. Executive Director's Update

Grayson Wolf mentioned a couple of highlights:

- student from FPA1 won the state STEM fair
- robotics team heading to nationals soon

Thomas Chan asked if the student who won the state STEM fair would present to the governing board. Grayson Wolf will reach out to the parent to see if the student would be willing to come present at the April GB meeting.

Thomas Chan asked if there were any newsworthy events that happened at FPA4. Brandon Winn talked about a robotics specialty class activity plus mentioned that the robotics teacher has been nominated for a state science teacher award.

4. Amend and Approve the Current FPA2 Land Trust Plan

Matt Fullmer proposed that \$5000 originally allocated towards a Percussion instructor be reallocated to instruments and equipment.

Thomas Chan moved to approve the reallocation of monies to instruments and equipment as stated. Lindsay Owen seconded. 3-0 passed; Austin Anderson and Paul Baltes absent.

5. Approve Land Trust Plans for 2024-2025

Cherlynn Imes (Provo Elementary Principal) summarized FPA1 plan.

Matt Fullmer (Secondary Principal) summarized FPA2 plan. Note: Big Ideas Math (new curriculum) will be purchased.

Carrie Banfield (Vineyard Elementary Principal) summarized FPA3 plan.

Brandon Winn (St. George Elementary Principal) summarized FPA4 plan.

Austin Anderson joined at this point.

Since the Secondary campus proposes implementing a new math curriculum as part of their Land Trust Plan, Cary McConnell moved to agenda item 7.

7. Discuss and Approve Math Curriculum Change at Secondary School

Matt Fullmer explained the process/reasoning behind choosing new math curriculum which covers 6,7,8 grades.

Cary McConnell asked if changing the math curriculum is allowed by the charter. Buddy Ivie explained that when the charter was revisited to include the high school, the language was strategically amended to allow for math curriculum to change.

Austin Anderson asked about some purchasing details.

Matt Fullmer summarized the implementation and digital component of the new curriculum.

Austin Anderson moved to approve the new secondary math curriculum as presented by Matt Fullmer.

Thomas Chan seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

Cary McConnell shifted back to agenda item number 5.

Cary McConnell moved to approve the Land Trust Plans for 2024-2025.

Thomas Chan seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

6. Approve FPA to be a SOEP Provider through USBE

Buddy Ivie explained the reasoning behind the request to apply for Freedom Prep to be a Statewide Online Education Provider.

Austin Anderson asked about costs. Buddy Ivie assured the board that there are no additional costs for FPA to be a SOEP. Chris Helvey explained that being a SOEP means FPA will be allotted additional funds from the state. Lindsay Owen asked if there are any downsides to Freedom Prep being a SOEP. Buddy assured her there aren't. Thomas Chan asked how many other districts have SOEPs. Buddy stated that 6 counties total in the state have SOEPs. Cary McConnell asked how students will know that FPA is a SOEP. Buddy explained that we will start advertising.

Austin Anderson moved to approve FPA to apply to be a SOEP Provider.
Lindsay Owen seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

8. Discuss Expansion FPA4

Chris Helvey explained need for expansion and summarized Phase 2 and Phase 3 plans.

David Robertson summarized the expansion plan for FPA4 including funding details and discussed funding and building timelines.

Austin Anderson asked about projected enrollment numbers and Cary McConnell asked about existing bonds vs additional bonds. Lindsay Owen asked about architectural fees.

No action needed.

9. Discuss then Approve or Deny Architect and Architectural Fees for FPA4 Expansion

Austin Anderson moved to approve Architectural Fees (Silver Peak Engineering) for FPA4 Expansion.

Lindsay Owen seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

10. Authorize RFP for Builder FPA4 Expansion

Austin Anderson moved to approve getting RFP for FPA4 Expansion.

Lindsay Owen seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

11. Approve Underwriters for Bonds and Moving Forward with Financing

Chris Helvey asked to change wording to "bond council" rather than "underwriters".

Cary McConnell approved the bond council (Gillmore, Bell) and Admin team to move forward with financing for the expansion.

Austin Anderson seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

David Robertson left the meeting at 1:20PM.

12. Elect CFO on the Governing Board

Chris Helvey went through a brief description of CFO responsibilities. Thomas Chan feels Austin Anderson and Lindsey Owen both have the professional background to be the CFO for the Governing Board. Both Austin Anderson and Lindsey Owen are willing to accept the position. After a brief discussion, the decision was made to wait for Paul Baltes to be present before the board votes on a new CFO. Therefore, this issue is continued to the next board meeting.

Thomas Chan moved to continue the election of the CFO on the Governing Board to the next board meeting.

Austin Anderson seconded. 4-0 passed; Paul Baltes absent.

13. 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*

Not needed.

Next Governing Board Meeting scheduled for April 18th at noon.

Discussion of scheduling Governing Board retreat sometime in the month of June. Chris will send a doodle to board members to set a day.

14. Adjourn

Austin Anderson moved to adjourn @ 1:36PM

*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