



Franklin Parent Organization Jordan

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025

6:30-8:00 PM

Franklin Accelerated Academy Jordan

Vision: Known nationally as the premier school in academic excellence

Mission: To educate students in a positive learning environment with high expectations and an accelerated curriculum

Attendance

X	Cathy Kelly – President
X	<u>Melanie Laczko</u> /Attila Laczko – Vice President
X	<u>Dana Chapman</u> /Stan Chapman - Treasurer
	Open Position – Secretary
X	Chrystal Bulen
X	Peg Klinker
X	Kim Ernst
	Amy Amann
X	Ashlie Casto
X	Mrs. Hulihee
Visitors:	Debolina Roy , David Penne , Katie Horpedahl , Christina Reeves , Forrest White , Maren Johnson , Irene Vela , Hillary Kirby , Carina Keckta

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Pledge
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Cathy Kelly	Peg Klinker	Pass

- **Treasurer's Report – Dana Chapman**
 - Review of [June Final Financial Report](#) for 24/25 Fiscal Year
 - Review of [Draft Budget for Fiscal year](#) 25/26
 - Discussed increasing Angel Tree and Growth & Development Night budgets
 - Decrease revenue expectations for shirt inventory and shirt sales, last year's sales were high due to other Franklin schools also ordering sweatshirts
 - Vote deferred to Sept meeting pending updates to draft budget



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- Review of July Financial Report and Statement
- Approval of Budget
- Approval of Treasurer's Report

- **APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 25/26 – Vote deferred to Sept Meeting**

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
NA	NA	NA

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Melanie Laczko	Chrystal Bulen	Pass

Principal Points

- Thank you -- great start!
- PTC Week Shift (W-F)
 - Conferences will be only Wed through Friday during conference week. Will also impact book fair days.
- Franklin High School
 - Still strong support for it, progressing through process looking at other school options for the Brimhall elementary students
- Mesa Parent Council Representative Needed
 - [Planned Meeting Schedule](#)
 - Volunteers obtained during meeting
 - Mon. 9/29 6-8pm or Tues. 9/30 9:30-11:30am – Cathy Kelly
 - Mon. 12/1 6-8pm or Tues. 12/2 9:30-11:30am – Ashlie Castro
 - Mon. 2/2 6-8pm or Tues. 2/3 9:30-11:30am – Melanie Laczko
 - Mon. 4/6 6-8pm or Tues. 4/7 9:30-11:30am – Kim Ernest
- Governing Board Application for Indemnification Approval -- Yearly?
 - Treasurer will work on completing this. Mrs. Hulihee will send link to Dana Chapman to start on paperwork
 - 1. Current operating bylaws
 - 2. Most recent bank statement
 - 3. Most recent treasurer's financial report
- Choir ECA Approval: \$1879 out of Music ECA Account for &&& (this includes benefits)
 - Currently \$2,089 in Music ECA Account, might be last year for Choir



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- **Motion to Approve up to \$1500 plus benefits from the Music ECA Account for Choir for 2025-2026 school year**

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Dana Chapman	Kim Ernst	Pass

- Battle of the Books ECA Approval: Up to \$400 out of Media Resource Center ECA Account for t-shirts
 - Currently \$1,857 in Media Resource Center ECA Account
- **Motion to Approve up to \$400 plus benefits from the Media Resource Center ECA Account for t-shirts for Battle of the Books**

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Cathy Kelly	Melanie Laczko	Pass

- General Fund ECA Concerns
 - Currently large shortage in ECA funds to cover field trips, Spelling Bee, and Yearbook Committee Liaison
 - Potential money source from Franklin East money that may be distributed among Franklin schools that could be used to help cover field trips but not guaranteed
 - Push to promote ECA donations to help refill the account
 - Look into FPO budget to see if funding source available for Spelling bee

Category	Last Year	Current Funds (8/5/2026)
Field Trips		
Fuel	\$1,420	
Admission	\$2,000	
Spelling Bee		
Entrance Fee	\$192	
Trophy	\$20	
Yearbook Committee	\$1,880	
TOTAL	\$5,512	\$930.36 Available

Parent Concerns/Questions



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- [Heat Advisory Procedures](#)

School Requests

- Large Umbrella for AM Teacher Duty
 - Ashlie Casto may have one to donate
- [Rolling Cart](#) x2 for Kinder for lunch/recess because the kids can't always carry the buckets (little guys!) \$31.99 x 2

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Melanie Laczko	Cathy Kelly	Pass

- Ordered and delivered to school
- [Presidential Pins](#) (ordered last year, did not order enough because did not account for 2x class. 5 more blue and 5 more white (\$3.25 each with discount of orders of 10+)

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Melanie Laczko	Kim Ernst	Pass

- Ordered, price with shipping \$5.33 per pin

Committee Reports

- **Overview of Volunteer Signups**
 - Discussed planning for next year to put limits on different committees based on needs. Committee chairs will need to determine number of volunteers needed for next year. Will include a few extra slots in case not all who sign up are able to complete their commitment
- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - Thank you to Mollie Garner for coordinating First Day Lunches
- **Beginning of School Year Support**
- **Copy Committee**

New Business

- **2nd Fundraiser – Peter Piper Pizza (Cathy)**
 - We are already confirmed for 9/24/25 for the next fundraiser
 - Peter Piper Pizza at Baseline and McClintock
 - 1805 E Baseline Road, Tempe, AZ 85202
 - Need to pick up flyers and stickers 1-2 weeks prior
 - Still have voucher for 5 pizzas from last year's fundraiser
 - Waiting for reissued check to come in from last Spring
- **Movie Night**
 - Who is willing to head up?
 - Ashlie Casto volunteered to lead planning this event
 - Tentative date of November 7th



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- **Shirt order**

- Send survey to families in Sept to see if interest in Hoodies or additional shirts
 - Dana will create a list of questions and Melanie will create the Google form to send to families



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Old Business

- **Secretary position open**

- Not required, however, not having one puts extra burden on Pres, VP, and Treasurer to complete the minutes.
- Also having a Secretary gives another person who is authorized to sign checks for payments (required to have two signatures for FPO checks).
 - Ashlie Castro's husband is interested and willing to serve as co-secretary with her.
 - Board voting to approve David Penne as a co-board member with Ashlie.

Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/ Fail
Dana Chapman	Melanie Laczko	Pass

- Board voting to approve David Penne and Ashlie Castro as Co-Secretary.

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- **Social Media Manager**

- Board also looking for anyone who would be interested in being a social media manager for the FPO.

- **Spring Social Survey results**

- If time, otherwise will go over in Sept meeting
 - Pushed to future meeting

VOTING RESULTS

Vote Type	Motion to Approve	Second	Pass/Fail
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Cathy Kelly	Peg Klinker	Pass
Approval of Budget 25/26 – Will Vote in Sept	NA	NA	NA
Approval of Treasurer's report	Melanie Laczko	Chrystal Bulen	Pass
Approval to use \$1500 + benefits of Music ECA for Choir	Dana Chapman	Kim Ernst	Pass
Approval to use up to \$400 of Media Resource Center ECA for Battle of the Books shirts	Cathy Kelly	Melanie Laczko	Pass
Approval to use FPO budgeted Classroom Items funds for rolling carts	Melanie Laczko	Cathy Kelly	Pass
Approval to use FPO budgeted Awards funds for Presidential Pins	Melanie Laczko	Kim Ernst	Pass
Approval to add David Penne as co-board member	Dana Chapman	Melanie Laczko	Pass
Approval for David Penne/Ashlie Castro as Co-Secretary	Melanie Laczko	Cathy Kelly	Pass
Motion to adjourn	Dana Chapman	Cathy Kelly	Pass