

# Fox River Academy Governance Board DRAFT of Minutes



Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome and Call to Order	<p>Action; Grainne Beckett</p> <p>Meeting called to action at 5:02 by Grainne. Introductions were made.</p>	5:00pm
Approval of <a href="#">Oct Minutes</a>	<p>Action; Amanda Voss</p> <p>Change to the minutes was made to the sentence "Jim made a motion to approve the September minutes. Sara seconded. All in favor. None opposed."</p> <p>Jim made a motion to approve the minutes. Holly seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.</p>	5:05pm
Lead Teacher / Principal Update	<p>Discussion; Sara Leintz/Lori Lechisin</p> <p>Sara - Us2 - 8 students are being seen with a few more potential. The day will be switched to Wednesday for our students to see Ashley.</p> <p>Per the district, our potential naturalist Kristin will need liability insurance with a policy of up to 1 million dollars. We are in the process of figuring out how to make this work without spending our entire budget. We agreed to \$30 an hour, but this potentially could change. Could we possibly put this into a Naturalist in Residence? We are posing questions to downtown, but will get answers to get this started.</p> <p>Questions from the board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does this change if the Governance Board pays for the naturalist versus the District?</li> <li>● How much does this liability insurance cost a year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If it's reasonable, perhaps the Governance Board could cover the cost.</li> <li>○ Erin will look into the cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Small business - \$500-\$1000 per year with a food truck business and events</li> <li>■ Wondering if this is similar.</li> <li>■ Could we split the cost with her if she wants to work in other schools?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It might be nice for us to have in general to cover others that come in.</p>	5:10pm

	<p>We would like to look forward to planning more time in the future for the naturalist to work with our older students. As it is set up now, she will be working with K-2 once a month, 3-5 once a month, 6-8 once a month. <b>January - End of May.</b> We planned to reevaluate at the end of the year to see how it went and what we needed to adjust for the following year.</p> <p>Holly will look into the cost and how this might look.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Committee sign-up</a></p>	<p>Discussion; Grainne /Deanna /Sara</p> <p>Is the fundraising committee under the umbrella of the Guardians or should this remain separate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the past, the board did one big fundraiser a year (usually the pizza fundraiser).</li> <li>● The parent group took the lead on the other fundraisers.</li> </ul> <p>We are going to do an “unfundraiser” to raise funds for classroom holiday gifts.</p> <p>Chipotle night is being scheduled. Kate is looking at revitalizing the plant sale. We are unsure of the pizza sale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What should we do in place of this? Silent auction?</li> <li>● Would the guardians be willing to do the silent auction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Katie Kilsdonk will take the point on this.</li> <li>○ We could do a pick up window.</li> <li>○ We could send a survey home to families to see what they will donate beforehand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>5:20pm</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guardians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are going to do an “unfundraiser” to raise funds for classroom holiday gifts.</li> <li>- Rocket Book - will email the notes to Sara.</li> <li>- Kate is working to close the loop in the communication by sharing the minutes with Sara.</li> <li>- Kate is going to work on the directory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Photos are being added by families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Plant sale and prep is in progress (no commitment, just seeing how it is going) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donated materials in the garage by Walmart and things in the basement for this purpose</li> <li>- Could be used.</li> <li>- Olden Organics is who we have worked through in the past.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unfundraiser</li> <li>- Silent Auction in place of the pizza sale</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Recruitment &amp; Retention</li> <li>- Communications</li> </ul> <p>Ski club - <b>arctic foxes at Nordic</b> - new ski director Kyle. New</p>	<p>5:25pm</p>

	<p>area for students to learn how to ski (beginning, intermediate, expert). This area is staffed through the week to do lessons as you go through these areas. <b>K-8 plus families.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nordic is super excited about us participating.</li> <li>● Four ski options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 Thursday nights in January</li> <li>○ 2 Thursday nights in February</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Families come after school (no bussing will be available). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drive in. Kids and family/friends.</li> <li>○ Reasonably priced: <b>4 ski sessions (total) \$79 per person for lift tickets; \$90 gear, \$140 snowboards.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Question: Do you pay for all four no matter what? Or do you pay for the ones you go to?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Do we need a minimum number? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Vote in <a href="#">New Board</a></p>	<p>Action; Grainne Beckett</p> <p>Sara makes a motion to approve the at large members as listed on the docket. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.</p> <p>Grainne makes a motion to approve the voting members as listed on the docket. Erin seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.</p> <p>Sara makes a motion to approve Grainne Kelly Beckett as an Acting President, Laura Huckins as Vice President, Amanda Voss as Secretary, and Holly Kronberg as Treasurer. Jim seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.</p>	<p>5:30pm</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Discussion; Sara Kohl FRA Lego League</p> <p>Would we do junior or regular? K-4 could do the junior league. Regular seemed to be more intense (from past experience). Sara is willing to offer her classroom for a “home base” for the kids to work in and build. The garage would also be another space to work in. Plexus is covering expenses and working with robotics leagues and FVL. This year would be a practice year to see how many people want to participate and next year we can compete.</p> <p>9-14 Challenge Level *some exceptions*  We could open up to Discover 6 year olds, Explorer would be 6-10 if we had parent volunteers to help coordinate and run this.</p>	<p>5:45pm</p>

	<p>The time commitment seems to be quite a bit with it starting in August and competitions in November. This year will give an opportunity to feel things out and see how it goes.</p> <p>Could a parent have access to the building to do LEGO club without staff present?</p>	
Community Input	Any other business	5:55pm
Adjourn	<p>Action; President</p> <p>Grainne called the meeting to close at 6:16 pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	December 5, 2022 at 5pm (Virtual)	

*Mission: The Fox River Academy will foster in its students the passion and curiosity necessary for lifelong learning, and will, through an integrated, multi-age curriculum, increase students' proficiencies in the use of strategic learning processes and higher order thinking skills needed to be stewards of the environment and community.*

In Attendance: Maggie Alfrey, Joann Kasper, Beth Wich, Amanda Voss, Sara Leintz, Jim Birch, Erin Christopherson, Beth Wich, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Laura Huckins, Holly Kronberg, Lori Leschisin, Katie Kilsdonk, Deanna Widman, Meghan Gremban, Kate Huber, Amber Baumgartner, Heather Fritz,