

# Fox River Academy Governance Board DRAFT Minutes



September 12, 2022 5pm Virtual

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Grainne	5:00pm
Approval of <a href="#">May Minutes</a>	<p>Action; Amanda Voss</p> <p>For your information: <a href="#">Governance Board Retreat Minutes</a> (No need to approve)</p> <p>Sara made a motion to approve the minutes with one change to fix wording "They talked about asking the board to fund this." Jim seconded.</p> <p>All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.</p>	5:05pm
Lead Teacher/ Principal Update	<p>Discussion; Sara &amp; Lori</p> <p>FOX was able to get a donation from Walmart of gardening supplies (seeds, kits, etc.). We will use them for the spring for possibly Earth day or the end of the year.</p> <p>We are going to be working with Sandy and Field Edventures again with a NOAA grant. She's going to start with the older kids and then work with the younger kids.</p> <p>Camp FOX was a success this year! We split the kids into "houses" and have multi-aged groups that have different names, colors, etc. We tie-dyed and have created flags.</p> <p>Our first seed for adventure to work on (character trait) is empathy and teamwork. We will be meeting in a house each month with a specific focus. We are bringing back quarterly awards.</p> <p>Lori- Great attendance at back to school night. Lori received a call from a field biologist who was interested in working with us. We are not sure of her cost yet. She knew what we have had in the past. This is a great possibility!</p> <p>Lori applauded FOX team for their CSIP plan and for their efforts at the back to school days.</p>	5:10pm

<p>Goal Setting</p>	<p>Discussion; Sara &amp; Grainne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results of SWOT Analysis;</li> <li>- Board Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1) Enrollment/Retention (54 students in 5-8 to keep middle school) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- survey students</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 2) Communication - being more strategic in how we communicate</li> <li>- and more inclusive/streamlined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- survey students</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 3) Environmental Specialist and Fundraising</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Deanna -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What does she need help with for the website? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If anyone notices anything that is off or wrong let her know.</li> <li>○ How do we want to update pictures and videos?</li> <li>○ Facebook page - posting schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ KA has a community garden going.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Grainne has been following different entities to get them connected to us</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Lots of discussion about charter fair and where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advertising?</li> <li>● All of our videos should be updated</li> <li>● Do we want videos to get done <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project for the older kids</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>How will we promote our school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will charter fairs pull in the most numbers?</li> <li>● Recruitment needs to have a meeting to determine what is going on before we put together a plan or strategy.</li> <li>● Most people do not want the charter fair to be in January because it is too late for the Charters</li> <li>● People don't like the city plaza venue but want to do it at the mall.</li> <li>● October - we will regroup on that and maybe have some answers.</li> <li>● Sara liked the idea of virtual meetings (for our school) first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Then, the interested families are coming for tours and enrollment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>- School CSIP Goals and FOX goals - how the Board can support these;</p> <p>CSIP: Continual School Improvement Plan</p> <p>This plan drives our goals for the year. We are looking to increase family engagement in the Studor Survey. (10 to 20 this year) We would like to improve communication with parents regarding student learning. We will use PBIS dollars to support social and emotional health of our students. We will use some funds for field trips and then the Us 2 counseling.</p> <p>Sara shared our Monthly Actions that aligned to CSIP. We are</p>	<p>5:15pm</p>
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	<p>going to be using our late start meeting as a way to check in and see how we are progressing through our goals.</p> <p>How can the board support these goals?:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overall support or can the board give month to month support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Utilizing the Guardians for promoting events and classroom needs/communication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Financial &amp; Fundraising</p>	<p>Discussion; Sara &amp; Grainne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of all accounts and how funds will be used in 22/23. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently don't have our regular budget in.</li> <li>- We have some money in our checkbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have \$4000 for field trips.</li> <li>- We have \$76 in a garden account.</li> <li>- We have \$1200 in supply/activity.</li> <li>- We have \$4756 in fundraising/technology account.</li> <li>- FRA Inc: \$3660.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Upcoming changes to technology (24/25 school year) and fundraising plans for this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District will not be providing 1-1 for the entire district.</li> <li>- They are deciding what they will be providing for students.</li> <li>- Prior to Covid - 1:4 for lower elementary.</li> <li>- We are thinking Kindergarten 1:2, but 1:1 for 1-4</li> <li>- We have technology funds through and AEF grant and budget carryover.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>We should have a discussion with the Guardians to see how we want our funds to look. We should make it clear in the fundraising whether the fundraiser is for the Guardians group or the School.</p> <p>Could we do some sort of PayPal or Venmo to move money?</p>	<p>5:30pm</p>
<p>Committees &amp; Upcoming Board</p>	<p>Discussion; Grainne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of current committees and general discussion of committees required for 22/23 school year;</li> <li>- Sara will send out a spreadsheet to see who wants to be on a committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communications</li> <li>- Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are we doing a pizza sale this year? Or will we replace it? We talked about an unfundraiser.</li> <li>- Are supply costs low enough to do the pizza fundraiser?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Retention/Recruitment</li> <li>- Guardians</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Communications + website help needed; (see above)</li> <li>- Upcoming Board vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jodi resigned</li> <li>- Leanna isn't a parent anymore so this needs to be changed</li> <li>- We need a president and vice president</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>5:45pm</p>

	- or co-presidents	
Community Input	Discussion; Grainne AOB	5:55pm
Adjourn	Action; Grainne  Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.	6pm
Next Meeting	October 3, 2022 (Virtual) 5pm	

*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: Sara Leintz, Amanda Voss, Lori Leschisin, Holly Kronberg, Katie Kilsdonk, Maggie Alfrey, James Birch, Nicole Rhode, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Deanna Widman, Laura Huckins, Joann Kasper,*