

Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes DRAFT



Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Grainne B Meeting called to action at 5:01 pm by Grainne B.	5pm
Approval of Dec Minutes	Action; Amanda V Jim proposed a motion to approve the December minutes. Amanda seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.	5:05pm
Lead Teacher/Principal Update	Discussion; Sara L & Lori L -Lottery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67 applications • quite a few tours scheduled -Charter Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the charter fair. • We signed up ten people for our virtual charter fair. • Joann put together grab bags and they were a great way to start conversation. -Naturalist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We interviewed/are interviewing two applicants. • Hoping for this to start at the start of the second semester. 	5:10pm
Grant	Discussion/Action; Sara L Vote on grant usage; voting members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 15th we received a grant for \$15,000 from the Lyssa and Andrew Schmidt Charitable Fund. • Designation is to support planning for our school. • It is sitting in a district account where they can't touch it or take a certain amount. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal: Use the grant money to pay the naturalist and things that she may need to support the programming. ○ Vote: Sara proposed a motion to use the grant we received to pay for the salary and materials our naturalist may need. Jim seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. We had a conversation with our US2 counseling program. We used two years of ESSER funding to pay for it this year. Next year, we might have to fund about \$3,000 for a full day once a week to cover the cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we want to cover this cost for the following year (2023-2024)? 	5:20pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We've thought about sending a survey out to families to see how they feel about the counseling. ● STEM won't be covered by the referendum until the 2024-2025 year. So, we could possibly turn this FTE into guidance. 	
Approval of Funds	<p>Action; Holly K Vote on how to use the balance from the Unfundraiser; voting members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the Guardians conference approval for the entire year or semester? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Per year ○ ● Unfundraiser: The guardians had talked about using some of that funding to do \$100-150 for classroom supplies for a post holiday present for the teachers. ● Total amount raised: \$1700 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$150 for teachers to spend on classrooms. ○ Does this run out by the end of the year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This should be spent this year on the current class. ● Vote: Beth proposes the motion that the board approves \$150 for each teacher to use from the 501c3 to spend as they see fit. Grainne seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. 	5:25pm
Moving Money	<p>Discussion; Holly K Demonstration on how to request funds/reimbursements/submit receipts etc from the FOX 501c3 account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All of the money we collect goes in one big fund. ● There's a \$25 wiggle room in case we miscalculated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beyond this \$25, we need board approval for spending and the board has to vote on it to pass the spending. ○ Guardians and Sunshine have a \$300 spending limit that is pre-approved for spending. ● There are other things that come along that we need to vote on in order to spend. ● After we get board approval, one of the signers can write a check to reimburse somebody. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit receipts. 	5:35pm
Committees Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment & Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charter fair went great. Lots to sign up to the meeting. - The postcard still hasn't gone out yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lori got an email with a request to send the writing for the email. - Virtual fair is tomorrow night, so the question was should we still send out the postcards in the morning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consensus is yes. - Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posting about the charter fair has been a big 	5:45pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> thing. - We've been posting about the fundraiser and keeping things up to date! - We are working on new pictures for the website. - Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are fundraisers coming up. - Josefs - Guardians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting: Guardians Meeting 19th at 6pm 	
Good of the Group	<p>Discussion; Any updates, any other business</p> <p>None</p>	5:55pm
Adjourn	<p>Action; Grainne B</p> <p>Grainne adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	February 6, 2023 (Virtual) at 5:00pm	

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: Amanda Voss, Sara Leintz, Lori Leschisin, Erin Christopherson, Maggie Alfrey, Shannon Ayres, Nicole Rhode, Deanna Widman, Amber Baumgartner, Nate Kohl, Holly Kronberg, Beth Wich, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Laura Huckins, Meghan Gremban, James Birch, Joann Kasper, Jon Kellermann, Katie Kilsdonk,