

Fox River Academy Governance Board Meeting Minutes



Monday February 6, 2023 at 5:00pm

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	<p>Action; Grainne B</p> <p>Meeting called to action at 5:02 pm</p>	5:00pm
Approval of Jan Minutes	<p>Action; Amanda V</p> <p>Jim made a motion to approve. Amanda seconded. All in favor none opposed.</p>	5:00- 5:05
Principal Update	<p>Discussion; Lori L and Nan B</p> <p>Lori will be retiring at the end of this year. She has loved her time at Jefferson and Fox River Academy.</p> <p>Hiring Process: There are seats on the site interview team. Sara and Joann will be on the interview team. There is a final fox river seat for a parent representative. The interviews will be on Thursday March 2nd from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Food will be provided. The team will have 13 people. We are hoping to announce a candidate to recommend to the board the week of March 13th.</p> <p>January 25th a letter to families was sent out.</p> <p>Which representative will we choose? We will get back to Nan in a day or so to let her know. The deadline is Febuary 10th (Friday).</p>	5:05-5:15
Referendum & FTE Update	<p>Discussion & Action; Sara L, Lori L, & Nan B</p> <p>Vote; Voting Board Members</p> <p>Lots of hard work by the retention and recruitment committee. If September comes, if we do not have enough enrollment in 5-8, the following year (24-25), we will lose 7 and 8. We will offer ALL K-8 grades for the 2023-2024 school year. Lottery looks great and we are retaining almost all of our students.</p> <p>Sara discussed the possibility of adding a ½ classroom due to the referendum being approved for K-2 classrooms to be at 20 students on average.</p>	5:15-5:40

	<p>The carry through in the next few years of the 3-8 class sizes is very large. 3rd average is 25, 4th average is 27, 5-8th is 27. If we get to this class of 40 (which is trickle down from the referendum) is it expansion or allowed? What is the attrition? Will 6th grade moving to the middle school affect our numbers?</p> <p>Sara will put together the two options and send it out for others to vote.</p> <p>We will draw for lottery on Feb 20th so we will need a vote on next year's plan before that.</p> <p>Lots of discussion around class sizes, what is best for kids, follow through in years to come, etc.</p> <p>Next steps: Sara will share the information with the board. Nan, Sara, and Lori will meet with Al and Matt to gather more answers from downtown.</p>	
Lead Teacher Update	<p>Discussion; Sara L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment & Retention update - Lottery update - Naturalist update 	5:40-5:45
Committee Updates	<p>Discussion: Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Betsy and Amber for interviewing and taking some good videos and pictures to update the website <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser at Chipotle on March 1st <p>Guardians</p>	5:45-5:55
Community Input	<p>Discussion; Any news for the good of the group</p> <p>There is a group of parents looking at neurodiversity in the school and resources for that. This will come onto the agenda for next month's meeting.</p>	5:55-6:00
Adjourn	<p>Action; Grainne B</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	Monday March 6, 2023 @ 5:00pm (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. Members in attendance: Sara Leintz, Amanda Voss, Sara Leintz, Brianna Stapel, Meghan Gremban, Amber Baumgartner, Nan Bunnow, Nicole Rhode, Lori Leschisin, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Laura Huckins, James Birch, Joann Kasper, Melissa Schmidt, Deanna Widman, Erin Christopherson, Meghan Gerarden, Beth Wich, Jon Kellerman, Jennie Barclay, Kate Huber, Brianna Gretzinger, Holly Kronberg, Katie Kilsdonk, Heather Fritz, Elizabeth Ordonez,