

DRAFT of Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes



Monday May 1, 2023-in person-Upper Level GTB at 5:00pm

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Grainne B Meeting called to order at 5:01 by Grainne.	5:00 pm
Approval of March Minutes	Action; Amanda V Jim proposed a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda seconded. All in favor, none opposed.	5:00
Principal/Lead Teacher Update	Discussion; Lori L & Sara L -Capstone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● set up in 1/2 and 3/4 classrooms as well as in the gym to spread it out. ● 3:30-4:30 will be time for students to present ● 4:45-5:30 end of the year presentation/celebration/graduation ● Melissa (new principal) will be at Capstone night -end of year Permission slips went home today. - Calendar approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● should be on our website -Charter wording change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● took the wording out of the contract that the kindergarten class size would not exceed the size of 1/2 of the traditional AGR class. Lori expressed gratitude and appreciation for our staff, parents, and governance board. She has loved being a part of FOX. Last day of school is May 26th - no lunch. 11:30 dismissal. -Neurodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STAFF will be meeting with Katie to continue learning. 	5:05
Approval of spending from 501c3	Action; Holly K & Joann K We received a grant from Sandy Benton for \$2,000 (NOAA grant). Joann's class has been working on making nest boxes for bluebirds. Some expenses were incurred for poles and predator guards. Joann is looking for approval to use some of the funds	5:15

	<p>(not to exceed \$150) to cover these.</p> <p>Amanda proposed a motion to approve spending \$150 from the grant to purchase supplies. Holly seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.</p> <p>Holly proposed a motion to approve \$50 for Sara’s classroom Capstone projects. Jim seconded. All in favor. None opposed.</p> <p>Discussion: Sara’s name should be added to the AEF endowment fund, so that we get the statements, etc.</p>	
Website	<p>Discussion; Sara L & Grainne B</p> <p>Karlie sent us an email about a month ago asking if we’d be interested in transitioning our current website to the district template.</p> <p>There are many positives to transitioning to this website. We currently use square space (\$70 a year and every 5 years it’s \$105 for the domain name). The district site would be free.</p> <p>Potential Downfalls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● district calendar - we don’t follow the district calendar so if this doesn’t align to ours, this would not work well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ this would be a thing that would need to be worked around <p>Process: Request a new site Pick out a color scheme Kylie moves over the current content IT helps set up redirects as needed</p> <p>Next steps: Deanna and Sara will meet with Kylie to talk through questions and how this would work. .</p>	5:25
Field Trip Funds	<p>Discussion; Sara L</p> <p>The past two years, we’ve been able to use our field trip account to pay for bussing. We’ve increased our field trip cost to keep this account afloat.</p> <p>\$4100 start of the year \$1400 end of the year</p> <p>The cost of buses has gone up exponentially. How do we keep this fund up so that we can utilize this in the future?</p> <p>Should we fundraise more in the future to replenish this fund?</p>	5:35

	<p>Should we charge more for field trips to cover the cost of the bus? Do we run this account down and then use the 501c3?</p> <p>Discussion on bussing.</p>	
Committee Updates	<p>Discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Retention/Recruitment -Communication -Guardians 	5:40
Community Input	<p>Discussion;</p> <p>Family Sabbatical from FOX, Discussion/Proposal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do any other charters in the district currently do this? ● We need to look further for this. ● Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They'd have to apply again to be admitted into the school. They'd go through the lottery process. Where would they fall on the waitlist? ○ They could hold a spot on the board so that their children would go to the top of the waitlist. ● Revisit at a later date. <p>Anything for the good of the group</p>	5:50
Adjourn	<p>Action; Grainne B</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	<p>Governance Board Retreat August: date TBD</p> <p>September 11th 5pm (virtual)</p>	

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: James Birch, Sara Leintz, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Meghan Gremban, Amber Baumgartner, Erin Christopherson, Brianna Stapel, Meghan Gerarden, Laura Huckins, Lori Leschisin, Deanna Widman, Leanna Miller, Joann Kasper, Maggie Alfrey, Holly Kronberg, Katie Kildsonk, Meghan Mccallum, Amanda Voss, Jon Kellermann,