

Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes



Monday October 2, 2023 at 5 pm (Virtual)

| Agenda Item | Action to Be Taken, By Whom | Time |
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| Welcome | Action; Grainne B Meeting called to action at 5:00 pm. | 5:00pm |
| Approval of September Minutes | Action; Amanda V Approval only needed for official board meeting minutes, not the retreat Jim made a motion to approve the minutes. Meghan seconded. All in favor. None opposed. | 5:05pm |
| Lead Teacher/Principal Update | Discussion; Sara L & Melissa C -Charter Council Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter fair on December 2nd at Appleton East (10-12) • Ebony Brice - replacing Matt Zimmerman as Assistant Superintendent -Meeting with Nan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contract Renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to be renewed again so we will be working on that. -Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to have 2 FTE next year for 5-8. | 5:10pm |
| Follow Up from September Meeting | Discussion; (possible actions) -Grow Machine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate reached out to someone who is using it, but the thought was that it is not worth it with the cost analysis • Location - concerned about putting it in the Kindergarten room • We will pass on this opportunity. -AEF Fund Account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not a penalty to close the account. • Need a note from the board and lead teacher to close the account. • \$10,000 minimum must be kept in the account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$450 to spend each year | 5:25pm |
| Set Ballot for November Vote | Discussion; Current Slate Sara will follow up and check with members who were not here to set the slate that Amanda typed. | 5:30pm |
| Funds Requests | Discussion; Action -How do we request funds (quick refresher/clarifier) | 5:35pm |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● bring idea to the board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discuss: pros/cons ○ approve or deny via vote <p>-Any fund requests (require vote)</p> <p>All of the money being raised has gone into the 501c3. Because it is not a district fund, we can spend the money how we would like to.</p> <p>Fundraising – can we figure out how we are going to do this and what ones are we going to do</p> <p>Can we approve money for the end of year picnic now or should we wait?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are not sure about how much we exactly spent last year. <p>What are the expectations for spending money and accounting?</p> <p>Should we do a fundraiser geared at the end of year picnic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● request on the agenda for next month | |
| Committees | <p>Discussion;</p> <p>-Setting up committees; how can committees support our goals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We need to get some things for our next Recruitment Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printing of materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ need to get updated with new processes of what is happening ■ Would we be able to cut costs if we joined efforts with the Guardians for printing? <p>Joann – fundraising committee</p> <p>- FRA Neurodiversity Collective – Katie K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback on the trainings that we’ve received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ helpful and great resource ○ lots of good things to try and learn ○ areas for improvement for each of us ○ CORE teachers received the training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kate (Art) and Leanna (Tech/Library) were at the first. ■ Jacob (para) attended part of the training? ● How do we get more paras? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is dependent on the district. ○ We could take FTE or fundraise ● Exploring Options of flexible seating of the GTB that would fit in the limited space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reach out to Appleton Special Education Department and OT for different types of flexible seating to see what fits the students best ○ We will use site funds to determine the best options for GTB <p>Sara will send out the list of who is currently on the committees</p> | 5:45pm |

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| | so that people can make changes and join new committees to finalize in November. | |
| Community Input | <p>Discussion; Anything for the Good of the Group</p> <p>Kate Huber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directory is in progress and should be new and improved • Ski Club dates were sent out • Connor/Amanda Fitzpatrick are going to help with bike repairs | 5:55pm |
| Adjourn | <p>Action; Grainne</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm</p> | 6:00 |
| Next Meeting | November 6 at 5:00pm in person-Upper Level GTB (will also have a link to attend virtually) | |

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: Leanna Miller, Amanda Voss, Brianna Stapel, Sara Leintz, Grainne Kelly Beckett, James Birch, Deanna Widman, Meghan McCallum, Maggie Alfrey, Meghan Gerarden, Beth Wich, Meghan Gremban, Erin Christopherson, Amber Baumgartner, Joann Kasper, Melissa Chrisman, Jon Kellermann, Katie Kilsdonk, Kate Huber, Laura Huckins,