

# Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes



Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Laura H Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.	5:00pm
Approval of Dec Minutes	Action; Amanda V  Jon Kellermann made a motion to approve. Maggie Alfrey seconded. All in favor. None opposed.	5:00-5:05
Principal/Lead Teacher Update	Discussion; Melissa C & Sara L <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Landing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Place for students to take a break.</li> <li>○ Sensory or Movement Space for children who may need to take a break. This is about ten minutes so that students can get regulated and sent back to class.</li> <li>○ Gives students a chance to reset and return to class.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lead teacher - lottery               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 60 applications as of this afternoon</li> <li>○ We are really hoping to get ¾ applications so that we can have another classroom next year</li> <li>○ We will find out more in the next few weeks as the district presents FTE.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fine Arts Night - In December               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This went really well</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pizza Pick Up went really well.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1255 from the pizza</li> <li>○ could be more coming</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Charter contract is being worked on.</li> </ul>	5:05-5:20
Charter Contract	Discussion; Sara L  Sara went through each of the changes on the charter contract and explained how things are changing and why. We discussed how the process works for contract approval.  Holly - teacher section - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● didn't address the Field Biologist</li> <li>● Our FTE allocation doesn't pay for the Field Biologist.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are paying for this under a different account.</li> <li>○ Outsourcing in our contract should cover this.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We want to make sure the contract</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● 27C: Sara missed a few words and will add them back in.</li> <li>● 11B: The makeup on the school. If it is not representative of</li> </ul>	5:20-5:40

	<p>the broader population of Appleton, the district will let us know how our makeup compares to the rest of the district. It is on us to keep an eye on it, reach out, hold more informational things.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We added yellow because we don't have easy access to how our demographic compares.</li> <li>● This can be challenging since we use a lottery system.</li> </ul> <p>Charter Committee Review. Then it gets put on the slate at the school board for us to present. We will have the opportunity for students to do testimonials about our school.</p>	
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Discussion; *Retention &amp; Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joann has put together a post card that will be emailed to families in 4th to 7th grade either the end of this week or next week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3:30 - 5:30</li> <li>○ Sara put together a nice document for parents to come during this time</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● From the beginning of October until now, we have high reach on our social media sites.</li> <li>● Deanna has been working really hard to post more often to engage viewers.</li> <li>● Posting a lot more has helped. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Goal: boost lottery numbers</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We could do a contest where we give swag based on whoever shares it the best</li> <li>● Take a picture in your FRA gear, tag FRA, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ classroom competition</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We could make fliers.</li> <li>● We could possibly collaborate with Lutz Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fox Watershed Alliance Adopt a Boat Launch project which Grainne proposed, where between April 1st and Nov 1st FRA students (and families over the summer) would look after a Boat Launch (the suggestion was for Lutz Park as it is close to the school and Ravine) where we would; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ - identify aquatic invasive species</li> <li>■ - remove invasive plants and litter</li> <li>■ - report any issues with the boat launch to the Fox Watershed Alliance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Fox Watershed Alliance would provide training, trash bags, vests and would promote the work of volunteers (so FRA) in their press releases, on their website and their social media platforms. They would also put up a sign at the Lutz Park boat launch with FRAs logo on it identifying us as the adopters of the boat launch.</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>5:45-5:50</p>

	<p>*Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting is January 23rd from 6-7 at Riverside.</li> </ul> <p>*Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeds</li> <li>• More to come</li> <li>• Unfundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ flexible seating</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Neurodivergent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met this morning and went through some of those universal accommodation pieces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on some lists of things to help support all students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Fund Requests	<p>Action; Holly K</p> <p>*Any new requests</p> <p>Sunshine request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Vaughan's Dad passed away</li> <li>• We were hoping to contribute money to combine with Jefferson's Sunshine fund so that we could help.</li> <li>• We do not need to approve that.</li> </ul> <p>Holly: Guardians should get requests in soon so that we can get money rolling if needed.</p>	5:50-5:55
Community Input	<p>Discussion;</p> <p>*Anything for the good of the group</p>	5:55-6:00
Adjourn	<p>Action; Laura H</p> <p>Laura called the meeting to a close at 6:01 pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	February 5, 2024 5pm (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.*

- *In attendance: Sara Leintz, Joann Kasper, Amanda Voss, Brianna Stapel, Daniel Solie, Melissa Chrisman, Maggie Alfrey, James Birch, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Leanna Miller, Laura Huckins, Meghan Gerarden, Deanna Midman, Katie Kilsdonk, Beth Wich, Wendy Lewandoski, Nicole Rhode, Meghan McCallum, Amber Baumgartner, Holly Kronberg, Jon Kellermann, Erin Christopherson,*