

# Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes

February 5, 2024



Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	<p>Action; Laura H</p> <p>Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Laura Huckins.</p>	5:00 pm
<a href="#">Approval of Jan Minutes</a>	<p>Action; Amanda V</p> <p>Sara made a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda seconded. All in favor. None opposed.</p>	5:00-5:05
Principal & Lead Teacher Update	<p>Discussion; Melissa C &amp; Sara L</p> <p>Melissa - Sara and Amanda were nominated for the Shining Star Awards.</p> <p>The Fox Watershed Alliance partnership was submitted and Lutz park was still available.</p> <p>Lottery - up to 87</p> <p>Charter Review Committee meets tomorrow. Next Monday Sara will be presenting at the board. Sara and Melissa will present the item of consideration. The next meeting will be for consideration and they will take a vote.</p> <p>Open House - Was intended to be 5-8, but many families came for K-4 as well. It worked really well!</p>	5:05-5:10
2024-2025 School Year Planning	<p>Discussion/Vote; Melissa C &amp; Sara L</p> <p>Melissa - FOX was given some additional FTE.</p> <p>.2 School Counselor .3 STEM (for all 7 classes) Psych and Social worker has never been written down (.1 School Psych, .2 for Social Worker)</p> <p>The staff met several times about what we'd like to do with the FTE.</p> <p>Right now, K-2 has 60 minutes of STEM a week. 3-8 has 90 minutes a week. Next year, K-8 would get 50 minutes of STEM a week. .1 is Technology/Library, .3 has been in STEM.</p>	5:10-5:30

	<p>When giving the FTE, the district included our 7th and 8th grade students in our FTE.</p> <p>We are going to attempt 50 minutes of STEM per week for K-8. We feel confident that we incorporate STEM into our classrooms currently. The needs of the students reflect that we'd like a "go to" person for them. We discussed adding a Dean to the School Counselor. We wanted our counselor and dean to be the same person. Downtown suggested that we do .5 Guidance/School Counselor.</p> <p>Guidance - all 7 of our classes would have a guidance lesson every other week on a rotating schedule.</p> <p>Technology - would remain .1 - This would be a rotating schedule as well (4 classes, 3 classes).</p> <p>Questions/ Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How would posting go? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have someone who has expressed interest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Parents love the idea of having a guidance counselor.</li> </ul> <p>Holly proposes a motion to approve the .5 posting as a Guidance Counselor. Meghan Gremban seconded. All in favor. None opposed.</p>	
<p>20th Anniversary</p>	<p>Discussion; Sara L</p> <p>This is coming up. The 20th anniversary</p> <p>The contract was approved at this time of the year.</p> <p>2005 - Is the date we have for the opening. Send Sara an email if you are interested in being on a planning committee for this event.</p>	<p>5:30-5:40</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Discussion;</p> <p>*Neurodivergent Collective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff training in February. The teachers chose anxiety as the main topic. (Feb 19 at 8-9am)</li> <li>- Are the specials teachers going to be a part of this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They do have staff development.</li> <li>- We will open the training to everyone who is able to make it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seed fundraiser is wrapping up on Thursday.</li> <li>- Do we want to pay by check through the mail or pay by card? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Card will be a lot faster than paying through the mail.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- We will get 60% of profits instead of 40%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$3.75 - we pay \$1.51 per packet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- No fees to pay online and no taxes.</li> <li>- Now that we have a committee, will the guardians be in</li> </ul>	<p>5:40-5:50</p>

	<p>charge of any fundraising or just the committee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partner with the Guardians to figure out where or when. One main committee will be in charge of this.</li> </ul> <p>*Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Skate City - Feb 17th</li> <li>- Over 40 have signed up so it is a go!</li> <li>- Guardians are providing meals for parent teacher conferences. Thank you to Erin and her catering company!</li> <li>- Feb 20th at 6pm - next meeting</li> <li>- End of year party: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does anyone have ideas other than the bounce house?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Retention &amp; Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- going well</li> <li>- retention - As a whole school, 4 or 5 students are leaving.</li> </ul> <p>*Ski Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>	
Funds Request	<p>Action; Any new requests?</p> <p>Up to \$100 for Battle of the Books.</p> <p>Sara makes a motion to approve using 501c3 funds for Battle of the Books students for no more than \$100. Holly seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p>	5:50-5:55
Community Input	<p>Discussion; Anything for the good of the group</p>	5:55-6:00
Adjourn	<p>Action; Laura H Meeting called to close at 6:04 pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	<p>March 4, 2024 at 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: Sara Leintz, Amanda Voss, Melissa Chrisman, Meghan McCallum, Laura Huckins, Erin Christopherson, Meghan Gerarden, Joann Kasper, Brianna Stapel, Nicole Rhode, Maggie Alfrey, Beth Wich, James Birch, Meghan Gremban, Daniel Solie, Leanna Miller, Holly Kronberg, Wendy Lewandoski, Katie Kilsdonk, Diane Kohl, Sonja Ferguson, Grainne Kelly Beckett, Amber Baumgartner, Kate Huber, Jon Kellermann,*