

# Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes



Monday May 6, 2024 at 5pm  
**Upper Level GTB**

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	<p>Action; Laura H                      Introductions</p> <p>Laura called the meeting to action at 5:01pm.</p>	5:00
Approval of <a href="#">April Minutes</a>	<p>Action; Amanda V</p> <p>Laura proposes a motion to approve the April Minutes. Maggie seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p>	5:05
Principal/Lead Teacher Update	<p>Discussion; Melissa C &amp; Sara L</p> <p>Sara and Melissa interviewed for a Naturalist. We are waiting to hear back from references.</p> <p>We have almost all accepted spots from the lottery. We are waiting on a few meetings.</p> <p>We were given ESSER money during Covid which had to be spent in phases. By the end of this year, we had to spend ESSER 3 funds. We worked as a team to decide what we wanted to purchase. All of the money was spent.</p> <p>We will use district money to help Amie furnish and get her classroom ready. Mr. Vaughan has been the para that has been designated to Fox River. Moving forward, our building (Jefferson/Fox River) will have shared paras.</p> <p>It is teacher appreciation week! Each day, the staff will receive various things.</p>	5:10
Curriculum Updates	<p>Action;</p> <p>*Math Curriculum change for 6-8; Jim B</p> <p>Jim talked with a rep for Big Ideas. He's got information about buying books for the Middle School students. This price would be about \$1200. We will get compensated for this, but Jim wants to look at the fifth grade as well. He wants to look through the materials for fifth grade before deciding. Jim will be upgrading his materials to more current versions. This would be the teacher editions. The resources would be online and easily accessible for parents.</p>	5:15

	<p>Sara heard from a parent that they were for the change to switch to Big Ideas.</p> <p>Sara proposes a motion to approve Big Ideas for sixth through eighth grade in place of Illustrative Math. Amanda seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p> <p>*ELA Curriculum vote for K-5; Sara L</p> <p>Laura proposes a motion to use EL for ELA in place of Wit and Wisdom in grades K-5 for the next school Year. Holly seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p> <p>K-5 plans to use 7 hours of PD to focus around EL.</p>	
Continued Discussion from April Meeting	<p>Discussion;</p> <p>*Peace Corp Calendars We would be doing projects with a school in Albania. One of the requirements would be selling the Peace Corp Calendars (\$10 cost and we would get \$5 of every purchase). This would count as a fundraiser for the school. We will get more information and report back. It would be cool to sell the calendars, but more information is needed to make a decision.</p> <p>*Oktoberfest Fundraising On the Fritz Concessions will sponsor us with board approval at this year's Oktoberfest. We can do a signup Genius as it gets closer if the family decides they would like help with the event. Oktoberfest can decide how much profit they'd like to give.</p> <p>Sara proposes a motion to approve partnering with On the Fritz Concessions for Oktoberfest. Maggie seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.</p> <p>It would be nice if we had a banner or sign to utilize to advertise.</p>	5:30
Committee Updates	<p>Discussion; <i>(if there is an update)</i></p> <p>*Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promote the picnic as much as possible.</li> <li>● Signs will be up pretty soon!</li> </ul> <p>*Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lots of new followers</li> <li>● We have a lot of interaction.</li> </ul> <p>*Fundraising Unfundraiser -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is an envelope in the office filled with checks.</li> <li>● \$331.31 sitting in PayPal right now.</li> </ul> <p>*Neurodivergent Collective</p>	5:40
Community Input	<p>Discussion;</p> <p><i>Anything for the good of the group</i></p> <p>*Student Council</p>	5:55

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda and Deanna are going to start a student council for middle school.</li> <li>• The plan is to meet bi-weekly and have roles (president, etc.)</li> <li>• We may share some of the duties that the Jefferson Service Club does, but we are in the beginning stages of this.</li> <li>• Deanna would like some parent help in the fall while Amanda is on maternity leave.</li> </ul>	
Adjourn	Action; Laura H  Laura called the meeting to close at 5:53 pm.	6:00
Next Meeting	*TBD: August Governance Board Retreat *TBD: September Meeting	

*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, Meghan Gerarden, Laura Huckins, Brianna Stapel, Maggie Alfrey, Joann Kasper, Jim Birch, Jon Kellermann, Melissa Chrisman, Daniel Solie, Wendy Lewandoski, Deanna Widman, Amie Thiel, Leanna Miller, Meghan McCallum, Amanda Voss, Erin Christopherson, Holly Kronberg, Nicole Rhode, Meghan Gremban*