

Fox River Academy Governance Board Agenda



Monday April 1, 2024 at 5pm

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Laura H Meeting called to order at 4:59 pm by Laura Huckins.	5:00pm
Approve Feb Minutes	Action; Amanda V Sara makes a motion to approve the minutes as they are. Amanda seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.	5:00pm
Principal/Lead Teacher Update	Discussion; Melissa C & Sara L -New Hires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sonja Ferguson accepted the counselor position for FOX. ● Amie Thiel accepted the 3/4 position. She is coming from Columbus. She also interviewed for 1/2 last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She will be attending our May meeting. -Boat Launch Adoption Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will be training and then volunteering at the boat launch. -Lottery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Just a few open spots waiting to be filled. -Upcoming School Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	5:05pm
Approve 24/25 Calendar	Action; Erin makes a motion to approve the calendar. Holly seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.	5:15pm
Curriculum Requests	Discussion; -K-8 ELA Curriculum (Sara L) The district will be adopting wit and wisdom. This will be adopted K-5. We have the option of adopting it along with the rest of the district or we can choose to do a different program. FOX feels like EL aligns better with what the mission and vision of the school is. Wit and Wisdom is broken into four modules for each grade level. It is very social studies based. K-4 really liked EL. The staff did not like Amplify because it had too many topics to teach. EL is an open sourced resource so anyone is able to look at the materials online. We will come back and vote on whether we will adopt EL when we meet in May.	5:20pm

	<p>-Math 6-8 (Jim B)</p> <p>K-4 likes IM, but Jim is not impressed 5-8 with how it is going in the upper grades. Jim worked with it for a while and what is missing from the curriculum. He started supplementing with Big Ideas. Jim and Joann were fielding lots of complaints from students and parents because it was hard to follow and understand. Melissa has experience in IM and loves it for the younger grades. However, they need problems to practice in middle school. IM is missing this piece. Jim would like to switch back to Big Ideas for 6-8 Math. We will vote on this piece in May.</p> <p>Action; -Decomartmentalize 3/4 (Deanna W) The 3/4 classes would like to decompartmentalize for math. One teacher would teach 3rd grade and the other would teach 4th grade. They would also like the option to decompartmentalize as they see fit.</p> <p>Sara proposes a motion to give Amie and Deanna permission to decompartmentalize 3/4 as they see fit for their students. Deanna seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p> <p>-Strings/Band 6-8 (Joann K) Laura proposes a motion to allow FOX 6th grade students to attend band and strings at Wilson with their peers and do private lessons. Amanda seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p>	
<p>Funds Requests</p>	<p>Action;</p> <p>Guardians were hoping for \$1200 for the picnic (Pizza fundraiser).</p> <p>Pavilion Magic Show Photo Booth (50% off at) Henna Artist (tickets for henna artist) Food</p> <p>Sara proposes a motion to approve \$1200 for the end of year picnic. Maggie seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p> <p>Holly proposes a motion to approve \$300 for teacher appreciation to use on the week or before the end of the year. Sara seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.</p>	<p>5:45pm</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Guardians N/A -Retention & Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Almost all spots are accepted 	<p>5:50pm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Doing more posts with engagement (comment, react, etc.) ● Quite a few more followers. -Neurodivergent Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sara has the flexible seating and tools for the GTB in her classroom. -Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chipotle isn't scheduling anything out until July. So, this is out for a fundraiser. ● We were talking about doing the unfundraiser again. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What would be our goal? 	
Community Input	<p>Discussion; Anything for the good of the group</p> <p>Michelle has a lead on working with a partner school in Albania. She will email more information to Sara to see if we would like to pursue this.</p> <p>Wendy - working with a vendor for a food truck. We will revisit this at a later date.</p>	5:55pm
Adjourn	<p>Action; Laura H</p> <p>Meeting called to close at 6:09pm.</p>	6:00pm
Next Meeting	Monday May 6th- IN PERSON - 5pm	

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: Amanda Voss, Sara Leintz, Michelle Smith, Erin Christopherson, Melissa Chrisman, Deanna Widman, Laura Huckins, Leanna Miller, Holly Kronberg, Beth Wich, Daniel Solie, James Birch, Amber Baumgartner, Jon Kellermann, Joann Kasper, Katie Kilsdonk, Maggie Alfrey, Meghan McCallum,