

# Fox River Academy Governance November 2024 Minutes



**Monday, November 4 • 5:00 – 6:00pm**

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Laura H <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm</li> </ul>	5:00pm
Approval of <a href="#">Oct Minutes</a>	Action; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion made by Sara Leintz</li> <li>● Laura Huckins 2nd the motion</li> <li>● October minutes were unanimously approved by Board</li> </ul>	5:00pm
Principal & Lead Teacher Updates	Discussion; Melissa C & Sara L <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Melissa thanked:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Guardians for the food for Parent/Teacher conferences</li> <li>○ On the Fritz for \$800 donation from Octoberfest</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mrs. Voss will return Nov. 15th, thanked Robin Burkland for subbing since start of the school year</li> <li>● The school has a House Challenge coming up Nov. 26th</li> <li>● This coming Wednesday (11/6) the K-4 teacher will be receiving a mandatory DPI Literacy training.</li> <li>● Sara announced that the date for the Charter Fair will be January 11, 2025 from 10 am - noon at Appleton West</li> <li>● Sara also staffed a table at the Artisan Fair and sold 6 calendars</li> <li>● A brief discussion was had; including FOX has approximately 100 calendars left to sell and there is \$1150 once the calendars sell that will be split between FOX and the school in Albania.</li> </ul>	5:05-5:15
<a href="#">Board Timeline Change</a>	Action; Sara I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sara presented a new timeline for future Board Elections along with changes to the Bylaws, suggesting that the current Board carries over to spring.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New President every two years with option to run again</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5:15-5:25

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vice-President could still take over for the President at the end of their term</li> <li>○ Elections will be held in May rather than November</li> </ul> <p>Kate Huber made a motion that the current board carries over to May and to change the Bylaws to reflect a two year term for President, the Vice President has the option to take over for the President and elections will be held in May. Erin Christopherson 2nd the motion. The motion unanimously passed.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Vote in New Board</a></p> <p>Financial Update/Funds Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Action; Laura H</li> </ul> <p>With the above motion passed, this item was obsolete.</p> <p>Discussion; Melissa C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Melissa updated the board that we do not have our funds from the district yet, but the amount will be \$7710 for the 2024 school year.</li> <li>● We have had expenditures of \$2900</li> <li>● There is a carryover amount of \$23,521.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Ferguson thanked the group for the new cabinet in her office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holly Kronberg reported on the 501c3 account at Community First Credit Union. Currently there is \$10,389.77 in the account.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion was had on moving the funds in the AEF account to an interest bearing account of some type. Currently there is around \$10,000 in the account and it was set up to support Environmental Education for students and Technology. Sara and Jim suggested that the funds could be used at some point for the Naturalist, once the donation we received runs out. Sara is going to check on how much is in the account the district is using to pay the Naturalist. Once we have an idea of how much there is, we can determine whether to move it to a CD or interest bearing savings account. A suggestion was also made to create Endowment funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Guardians requested \$2350 to cover Holiday Gifts the teachers use for student gifts, Teacher Gifts throughout the year, and End of School Year Picnic.</li> </ul> <p>Kate Huber made a motion to provide \$2350 to the Guardians for the above items. Laura Huckins 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kate Huber asked for a \$300 scholarship to help cover students that might want to do Ski Club, but can't afford to participate. Kate indicated this would cover about 2 individuals.</li> </ul> <p>Erin Christopherson made a motion to provide the \$300 if assistance was needed for students to participate in Ski Club. Maggie Alfrey 2nd the motion. The motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>5:25-5:</p> <p>35</p> <p>5:35-5:</p> <p>45</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8th grade Gift Bags were brought up at the meeting, but it was determined that they would discuss it at the next Guardian's Meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Erin updated the Board on the Apparel Website. She said it should open soon. They plan on having it open three times during the school year. There are two designs currently. One design for Fox and one for Ski Club.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Committees</a></p> <p>Community Input</p>	<p>-Retention &amp; Recruitment - Jim announced that the committee would be meeting soon. Probably November or December.</p> <p>-Fundraising - Wendy also indicated a meeting would be coming soon. They plan on doing the Seed Fundraiser again and possibly the Pizza Fundraiser.</p> <p>Holly also requested \$300 for the Sunshine committee if needed for the current school year. Sara made a motion of providing \$300 if needed. Kate Huber 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Holly also asked about the cost for Envirothon. Joann will check on costs and get back to the board next month.</p> <p>-Neurodiversity Collective - Had a lovely meeting in Sonja's office. They are going to focus on bringing in different resources and training for staff, as well as enrichment opportunities for students.</p> <p>Sara thanked the Committee for the subscription they purchased and e-book that was sent.</p> <p>-Grants - There is a sensory needs grant available on the Facebook Page if any one is interested in filling it out and applying.</p> <p>-Communications- Deanna is looking for ideas of what to post on the website. Several suggestions were given.</p> <p>Discussions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melissa will contact Wilson Admin to get more information on Extra-Curriculars available at Wilson for Middle School students.</li> <li>Wendy wants to spread the word about the Mother's Room/Respit Room parents have been putting together for when Mrs. Voss comes back as well as let other</li> </ul>	<p>5:45-5:</p> <p>55</p> <p>5:55-6:</p> <p>00</p>

	<p>teachers in Jefferson know it is available. Melissa will put it in the Staff Weekly newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy also provided Sara with a contact for the Yacht Club so we can begin creating a relationship with them.</li> </ul>	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm	6:00pm
Next Meeting	Monday, December 2nd at 5:00pm-Virtual	

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