

Fox River Academy Governance Board Minutes



Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5:00pm

Agenda Item	Action to Be Taken, By Whom	Time
Welcome	Action; Laura H	5:00pm
Approval of Jan Minutes	Action; Amanda V Sara Leintz makes a motion to approve the motion as is without corrections. Holly Kronberg seconds the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.	5:00-5:05
Community Input	Discussion; If you would like to provide input on this agenda, please fill out this form There was no community input filled out prior to the meeting. <i>Sara Leintz notes that this section was in our current bylaws but we moved it to the front of the agenda so that discussion could be had at the start of the meeting.*</i>	5:05-5:25
Principal/Lead Teacher Update	Discussion; Melissa C & Sara L *Lottery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we offered 23 spots - we have several students on the waitlist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enough to fill another ½ and kindergarten classroom if there was space *Calendar Update-will vote in April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need to have the calendar approved by the board which will be done in April at our next meeting - We found a way to adjust the calendar so that the students have two full weeks off for Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We would need to add 5 minutes to our school day so that students would attend school until 3:15 instead of 3:10 each day. Joann has led fundraising to decorate the garage doors and has about \$200 more. Joann will meet with the artist to plan this. This project is student led and students wrote letters to the community. Seed fundraiser \$1178 raised in profit. Kringle and unfundraiser are going on now.	5:25-5:35
Financial Update/Funds Request	Discussion; Melissa C \$5067.64 in our supply budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of this is being used for EL materials. 	5:35-5:40

	<p>Our carryover has not changed. \$23,521.10 \$1,000 Autism speaks \$10, 800 in our checking account.</p> <p>Possible Action; Holly K</p>	
<p>By Laws</p>	<p>Discussion; Sara L, Meghan G, Al Brant Action;</p> <p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directors were taken out of the wording. - Page 1: Mission and Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions: N/A - Page 2: Framework of the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously - up to 20 members - Proposed - new framework has executive officers with voting positions (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) *VP and P would not be staff members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 community members (board representatives) - This would take away the “at large” members. - Sub committees would be chaired by a board member and would be open to everyone to be on the committees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once a spot opened up on the board, those who were involved in the board would have more experience/potential for that spot. - Administrator - could be more than one depending on location and would work in conjunction with the board but is not a voting member - Questions: There should not be a tie or need for a tie breaker because there are 11 board members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Records of the subcommittees: Would this be shared for safekeeping within the FRA system? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could create a shared folder for each committee in the secretary drive? - This would go into the handbook and that would outline where these notes are saved. - Page 2 and 3: Board Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - #7 - self assessing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This would be reviewed annually. - Questions: #4 - Resource Management - what are the financial responsibilities of the board? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTE: determined by the district but the allocation will be discussed by the board - financial - most boards say if the expenditure is under a certain amount, then the administrator could approve it. 	<p>5:40-6:10</p>

- This could be placed in the handbook.
- Page 3 and 4: Officers and Elections
 - new bylaws remove any term limits
 - terms are two years
 - either the board or a subcommittee will decide how to choose candidates
 - Clarify - elections
 - We might want to clarify when Board Members can be appointed (not executive)
 - Election vs. Appointment
 - Should we stagger terms so that we don't have a brand new board every two years.
 - Could we do President and Secretary in an even year and Vice President and Treasurer in an odd year?
 - Question: Is the board obligated to appoint a member within a certain amount of time or will we wait to fill the vacancy?
 - This will be highlighted in our handbook as to how we would do this.
- Page 4: Quorum
 - We'd have to revote or bring it back to the next meeting if there was a tie.
- Page 5: Community Input-
 - We will accept community input at the beginning. We will have a form available and will honor the opinions of all who are attending the meeting or who are unable to attend but want to submit a form to share thoughts.
- Page 6: Executive Sessions
 - Al explained the instances of when this may be needed but noted that none of this seems to apply to the AASD boards that he is aware of.
- Page 7:
 - We have the ability to do an electronic vote as long as 48 hours is given.
 - If you are taking a vote on a topic that has not been on an agenda and discussed at a previous meeting, then we need to make sure that a public notice has been given.
 - Noting in the next month's minutes that we did a vote by email.
- Page 8:

We will need to post agendas and minutes posted for DPI. Our bylaws will need to be sent to renew our contract.

Al recommended having separate emails for board members so that we can keep track of business. These can be generic.

Question: Is this something we should vote on at this meeting or is it something we need to come back to?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will vote to approve the minutes so that we can <p>Holly Kronberg proposes a motion to approve the bylaws pending changes and revisions discussed in the meeting. Jon Kellermann seconds the motion. All in favor. None opposed.</p>	
Creating Board Slate	<p>Discussion;</p> <p>This needs to be sent out to the community before we vote. Sub committees need to be figured out and honed in on at April's meeting.</p> <p>If interested in holding a position on the Fox River Academy Governance Board- please fill out this form</p>	6:10-6:30
Adjourn	<p>Action; Laura H</p> <p>Laura Huckins proposes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Kellermann seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.</p>	6:30pm
Next Meeting	Monday, April 7, 2025 -In Person	

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: Meghan Gremban, Amanda Voss, Sonja Ferguson, Sara Leintz, Al Brant, Shannon Ayres, Katie Stanley, Joann Kasper, Daniel Solie, Emily Walters, Monica Uitenbroek, Melissa Chrisman, Beth Wich, Katie Kellerman, Jon Kellerman, Laura Huckins, Amie Thiel, Deanna Widman, Maggie Alfrey, Wendy Lewandoski, James Birch, Katie Kilsdonk, Holly Kronberg, Meghan Gerarden, Kimberly King, Erin Christopherson, & Meghan McCallum