

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL 610
Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901**

**December 14, 2020
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 by Renee Sutton

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kathryn Coletta	_____	___x___
Jill Koski	_____	___x___
Maya Patel	___x___	_____
Cynthia Raj	_____	___x___
Katie Stowell	___x___	_____
Renée Sutton	___x___	_____
Lynn Winner	___x___	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Jeremy Wheeler (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Michelle Augustine (ex-officio)	___x___	_____

The Governance Committee met last week. The committee discussed revising Finn's enrollment and recruitment plan and strategies to reach new scholars and families and developing new print recruitment materials to share with the community. The committee also discussed the prospect of hosting a set of workshops for staff on implicit bias and equity during PD. These workshops are provided by the superintendent of Ithaca schools, Dr. Brown. The committee also approved Finn's membership with NESN and ECC, the consent form for COVID testing of scholars, and chose not to participate in NY State Ed's program to replace snow days with remote instruction.

The Governance committee recommends returning to the strategic planning process ahead of our next SUNY renewal date.

Resolution: To approve memberships in Northeast Charter Schools Network and Empire Charter Consultants, and remit payment in the amounts of \$5,160.00 and \$3,450.00, respectively.

Resolution: To approve the consent form for COVID-19 testing, as presented.

Resolution: To ratify the decision of the Governance Committee not to participate in the NYS Snow Day Pilot program in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Resolution: To approve the reentry date to be determined by the Reentry Committee of the Board of Trustees, for in person instruction.

Resolution: To approve minutes from the October and November meetings of the Board of Trustees

So Moved: Katie

Seconded: Maya

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

The Academics Committee discussed goal setting attainable and realistic academic goals for the remainder of the year. Jeremy is not certain that the state tests will take place this spring. If they do not, Edvista will build an assessment for us that is aligned to the NY State test. Deb Breen, Finn's Instructional Support Teacher gave a presentation about her work specifically around the coaching program and how she is currently supporting staff. She also shared her Google site and newsletter. Theresa shared a review of the current RTI program and the number of scholars we have receiving interventions. The next Academics Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 7, 2021 (time to be determined).

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jeremy shared some information about Finn's Special Ed program and population. Aimee shared information about Finn's current enrollment and attendance statistics.

Martina shared information about Finn’s current FRPL status and billing. She also updated the board on the plan for COVID testing and partnering with the Elmira City School district to accomplish this once school re-opens. Martina also has calls scheduled with Dr. Terry from LECOM and Dr. Lindsey from Elmira College regarding testing and personnel.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cole Swanson, a Finn scholar, read a letter to the board about his desire to return to school in person.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: To adjourn meeting at 7:20

So Moved: Maya

Seconded: Lynn

In Favor: All

Opposed: None