MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
January 10, 2022
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 PM by Cynthia Raj

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kathryn Coletta	____x____	_____
Jill Koski	___x_____	_____
Maya Patel	____x____	_____
Cynthia Raj	____x____	_____
Ashley Skiff	___x_____	_____
Katie Stowell	___x_____	_____
Holly Strickland	____x____	_____
Renée Sutton	____x____	_____
Lynn Winner	___x_____	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	____x____	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	____x____	_____
Karen Kuty (Teacher Rep)	____x____	_____
Sabrina Morrison (Parent Rep)	____x____	_____
Jen Fetterman (Parent Rep)	___x_____	_____

IV. WELCOME & MISSION MOMENT

At Finn Academy we promote an inclusive, rigorous and nurturing environment to best prepare our children for their future and to cultivate a community of scholars, leaders and friends.

Finn's staff continues to model perseverance as we return to school after the holiday and meet the challenges of the Omicron variant. The Finn community is enormously thankful to Finn Family Crew and all the volunteers that helped make the Owl Tree an amazing success this year.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete agenda items:

So Moved:	**Maya**	**Seconded:**	**Lynn**	**In Favor:**	**All**
				Opposed:	**None**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Sabrina reported that only a few people have reached out regarding the confusion with testing, contract tracing, and returning to school and that leadership is doing a good job of keeping everyone updated.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Karen reported that staff were very appreciative of having Jan 3rd as a day for staff planning and preparation. Staff are working hard to provide consistent instruction for scholars every day while coping with COVID anxiety and staff outages. Not knowing what is going to happen with normal instruction as the COVID situation continues to evolve is a big concern.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Aimee updated the board on progress toward planning Summer Session 2022.
A joint meeting of Governance and Academics committees met to discuss different models and determined that making summer session optional again this year was prudent. A meeting with staff was held to determine the level of interest in staffing. Aimee is hopeful that enough staff will participate and that there will be several different program components to offer to families.

Resolution: To approve the recommendation of the Governance Committee to make Summer Session optional attendance for scholar(s) for the school year 2021-2022.

~~**Resolution:** To approve the minutes from the December meeting of the Board of Trustees.~~ Tabled until the next meeting.

So Moved:	**Jill**	**Seconded:**	**Katie**	**In Favor:**	**All**
				Opposed:	**None**

B. FINANCE

Martina reported that the state has approved our intercept for monies owed by a school district outside our area for the remote education of 4 scholars.

The budgeting process for next academic year will begin shortly and a Finance Committee meeting will be held in February to review the first draft.

C. ACADEMICS

The next meeting of the academics committee will be February 10 at 3:30

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Aimee reviewed the discipline, enrollment (lost one to a move out of district), and attendance (93%, which is great considering the current Covid surge) data from the monthly dashboard. She and Martina are in the process of finalizing the enrollment plan for next year.

Martina reviewed the financial dashboard, which hasn't changed since last month. She noted that we continue to climb in our FRPA population as these data continue to be collected, but our FRPA population is still not as high as the Elmira City School District (60%).

Aimee also provided a summary of data on coaching, evaluation, and data meetings held so far this academic year.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.f (below):

So Moved:	**Katie S**	**Seconded:**	**Holly**	**In Favor:**	**All**
				Opposed:	**None**

(Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys: f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or

corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.)

Resolution: To return from Executive Session

So Moved: Lynn Seconded: Katie S In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Resolution: To accept the personnel packet as presented in Executive Session

So Moved: Lynn Seconded: Katie C In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 8:35 PM

So Moved: Lynn Seconded: Jill In Favor: All

Opposed: None