

Approved by Fiddlehead Board on 10/23/25

Fiddlehead Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2025

Meeting held at Fiddlehead School via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM via Zoom.

A quorum was established.

The Fiddlehead mission was read.

There was no public comment.

Present: Bill, Jacinda, Becky, Kaiti, Joanne, Bruce, Jamie, Jason, Jen M.

Approval of Minutes

Becky moved and Jamie seconded to approve the minutes from the August 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5–0).

Financial Update

End-of-year report for FY2025 was reviewed.

The Board reviewed and approved the revised FY2026 budget, reflecting a projected surplus of **\$15,836**.

- Bruce abstained from this vote.

Total projected revenue: **\$2,925,000**

Total projected expenses: **\$2,909,164**

Adjustments were made to reflect updated salary figures, healthcare costs, and grant allocations.

The Board agreed to consult with the accountant regarding the proper booking of a transfer from reserves and how to record a prior special education expense.

Enrollment Update

Enrollment remains strong at **207 students**, up from 177 last year.

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are full (20–22 students per class).

The Board noted that strong enrollment should positively impact state funding projections for the next fiscal year.

Academic Performance

The school met or exceeded state averages on most assessments.

- **Reading:** 63% of students meeting or exceeding proficiency targets
- **Math:** Progressing toward but not yet meeting state targets
- **8th Grade Science:** 67% proficient, well above state average

The Board commended staff for continued academic improvement.

Strategic Planning

The Board discussed launching a new strategic vision and planning process this year.

Input will be sought from staff, families, students, and Board members.

The goal is to create an inclusive, actionable plan to guide the school's future direction and growth potential given the state's charter school cap.

Facilities and Safety

The Board reviewed ongoing and upcoming facility needs:

- Fundraising continues for a new Pre-K/K playground fence
- Building security needs under review
- Draft policies in development for building temperature and cell phone use

Jacinda will coordinate with staff to gather feedback on the draft cell phone policy.

Community Events

The following events were announced:

- **Brewery Fundraiser:** September 30
- **Hockey Game Fundraiser:** November 1 (Board Volunteers needed)
- **Artisan Fair & Gear Swap:** November 15
- **Winter Solstice Celebration:** Date TBD (NEST to provide hot chocolate)

The Board expressed appreciation for the community's continued engagement and volunteer support.

Next Steps / Action Items

- **Accounting Consultation:** Tina to clarify accounting practices for last year's special education expense and SPED reserve transfer.
 - **Policy Drafts:** Jacinda (and Joanne) to work with staff to draft and review cell phone and building temperature policies for the November Board meeting.
 - **School Calendar:** Updated color-coded calendar to be sent to Katie for the website.
 - **Strategic Planning:** Begin framework and outreach for stakeholder input.
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Jamie moved, seconded by Joanne to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation.

Next meeting: Thursday, **October 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM via Zoom**