



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

OUR MISSION

A dynamic learning community sustained by partnerships, La Academia transforms today's learners into tomorrow's leaders through innovative instruction, comprehensive student supports, cultural competency, and work-based learning.

OUR VISION

Our students will be critical thinkers and global citizens, recognized by their commitment to lifelong learning and meaningful contributions to the world.

Voting Members Present: Colleen Wagner (officer), Chris Boyd (officer), Ted Darcus (officer), Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Jessica Gehman, Leonel Silva, Carlos Graupera, Victor Ramos, James Rovito, Guy Kingree

Voting Members Not Present: Carlos Graupera

Administration and Non-Voting Members Present: Mark Simms, Amy Ferg, Jasson Read, Steve Rally, Nicole Garress, Aidalis Lopez, Greg McGough

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:04 C. Wagner

Introduced Dr. Greg McGough as new IU13 Representative to the Board and he explained his goals for working with the Board as well as LAPCS.

Mission/Vision was read by C. Wagner.

II. Approval of October Minutes motion by V. Ramos; seconded by C. Boyd; approved unanimously.

III. Reports and Action Items

A. School Management (Mr. Mark Simms, CEO, Mrs. Amy Ferg, Principal, & Mr. Jasson Read, Director of School Finance & Operations)

Staff Highlight: Devonne Pinkard, College & Career Advisor (see Board report)

- D. Pinkard gave a brief overview of his life and career.

Comments: M. Simms explained how well the Career Fair went and how well scholars were prepared for the event. Seconded by A. Ferg.

C. Wagner and C. Boyd expressed Board support for future interactive activities.

Scholars of the Month celebration -- several scholars were honored for their



academic achievements and attendance (see Board report).

Comments: The Board noticed the Celebration Board that Clarina Rodriguez created in the lobby.

School updates

- Extra Give
 - J. Read is setting up at the Barnstormers Stadium
 - Yard Signs are available

Comments: C. Wagner asked how we were inviting people and J. Read said that we are using social media and email blasts.

- 25th Anniversary Celebration

Comments: The Board has given its support for the event.

B. Finance Committee (Ted Darcus, Treasurer)

- Met on 11/15/22 -- see summary sheet is in the Board folder; no action items.
- C. Boyd mentioned that Omnivest does an amazing job at making the dashboard clear.

Comments: L. Silva asked about the breakdown of where sources of income (which school districts are where our scholars are coming from). L. Silva asked if we applied for grants that target educational needs, due to Covid and J. Read explained he applied for a federal grant (ERC) of \$750,000 and it should take 6-7 months to find out.

Discussion of the data (see spreadsheet)

C. Governance Committee (Colleen Wagner, President)

Action Item: Staff Resignation (6th Grade Teacher) T. Darcus motioned; seconded by G. Kingree.

Comments: M. Simms expressed gratitude for the support from SDoL that we are getting for writing our recharter proposal. The best plan possible, not to take anything from granted. C. Boyd recommended a presentation practice in the January Board meeting.

IV. Executive Session (none)

V. New Business (none)

VI. Public Comments (none)

VII. Adjournment 4:48 by C. Wagner

Next Meeting: December 21, 2022