



## **LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2023**

#### **OUR MISSION**

La Academia Partnership Charter School transforms today's learners into tomorrow's leaders by applying Project Based Learning experiences beyond the classroom and into their communities, while utilizing scholar-centered support to meet the social-emotional needs of all scholars.

#### **OUR VISION**

Our scholars will GO BEYOND by demonstrating commitment to their communities, who are recognized by their leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

**Voting Members Present:** Colleen Wagner (officer), Chris Boyd (officer), Ted Darcus (officer), Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Leonel Silva, Victor Ramos, Guy Kingree

**Voting Members Not Present:** Jessica Gehman, Carlos Graupera, James Rovito

**Administration, Non-Voting Members and Guests Present:** Mark Simms, Amy Ferg, Jasson Read, Nicole Garress, Aidalis Lopez, Gregory McGough, Perseus Gross

**Minutes Recorder:** Steve Rally

#### **AGENDA:**

##### **I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:01 by C. Wagner.**

**Mission and vision read by Perseus Gross**

##### **II. Approval of March Minutes**

T. Darcas motioned; G. Nyutu-Blackman seconded; 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: Perseus Gross, After School Coordinator & Audio Engineer Teacher

- P. Gross shared about his work and showed a video. Explained how his Audio Engineering class works and how he helped to add skills to scholars' toolbox.

Scholar Enrollment for 2022-2023: 204

- Waiting list (26) - 6th Grade (7), 8th Grade (8), 9th Grade (8), 11th Grade (3)
- 2023-2024 Intent to Return and Application Now Open (02/06/2023)
- 120 Intent to Returns completed (all yes)
- 28 New Scholar Applications
- 68% capacity



May 10 Lottery (if needed)

Recharter

- April 18 - officially approved!

Teacher Appreciation Week

- May 8-12

Spring Testing

- PSSA and Keystone Exams

Gala - June 9

- Four sponsors so far, but would like more so encouraged the Board to reach out
- Comments: C. Wagner said that creating a timeline of the evening should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Comments: C. Wagner asked if scholars are returning across the board (all grade levels) and A. Ferg answered "yes."

Upcoming Dates:

- May 1, 2023 @ 4pm - PTO Meeting/Teacher Appreciation
- May 5, 2023 - Hispanic Heritage Night (Barnstormers)
- May 10, 2023 @ 4pm - LAPCS Baseball @ Clipper Magazine Stadium
- May 12, 2023 @ 4pm - LAPCS Baseball @ Clipper Magazine Stadium
- May 19, 2023 - Prom @ Eden Resort
- May 24, 2023 @ 4pm - Board Meeting
- May 31, 2023 @ 8:00am-12:00pm - Scholar Services End of Year Trip
- May 31, 2023 @ 6:00pm - Graduation at DoubleTree
- June 9, 2023 @ 6:30pm - Gala

\*June Board meeting - Proposed change to June 21, 2023\*

**B. Finance Committee** (Ted Darcus, Treasurer)

Monthly update: see board folder

- 261,000 behind YTD
- Positive end of the year
- Budget - Draft Review - A full budget will be presented to the Board.
- 990: close to closing it out

Comments: C. Boyd: budget documents via email be ready to discuss next month  
L. Silvia: Board members are getting tickets but tickets are 43 dollars for the public.

**C. Governance Committee** (Colleen Wagner, President)

See board folder: always get a report from Mark Simms.

- Discussed replacements for exiting board members reminders of finance form.



**IV. Executive Session** (lease discussion)

**V. New Business** (none)

**VI. Public Comments**

- A. Lopez commented that the PTO opened a bank account, and reminded the Board about the sub fundraising sale.

**VII. Adjournment:** 5:00 by C. Wagner

**Next Meeting: May 24, 2023**

**Reminder:** [Statement of Financial Interest](#) Due May 1, 2023