



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 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: Leonel Silva

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

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call and reading of the Mission and Vision: 4:02 by C. Wagner

II. Approval of November Minutes

Motion by T. Darcus, 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)

- Scholar Enrollment for 2022-2023: 205
 - Waiting list (30) - 6th Grade (11), 8th Grade (8), 9th Grade (8), 11th Grade (3)
- Staffing
 - Fully staffed - Including School Psychologist (Amelia Lopez)

Extra Give



- LAPCS was tied for #125 out of #452 participants for number of donors.
- By the numbers
2022- \$8,945.00 -140 Donors
2021-\$9,521.58 -79 donors
2020- \$8,481.23 -109 Donors
- Location - Offered to return to Clipper Magazine Stadium but can explore other indoor options

Comments:

C. Wagner expressed how impressive the numbers are considering that we did not have restaurant partnerships like last year and J. Read said that we would expand again next year. It would be a percentage of the sales of that day. Results were encouraging overall.

V. Ramos asked if these were unrestricted funds and M. Simms explained that they were, but that we are thinking of potentially utilizing these funds for the gala to celebrate the anniversary. V. Ramos suggested that we allow the donors to know where the funds are going. C. Wagner explained that a portion of the funds will be used for designated scholarships.

Anniversary Gala discussion

Comments:

C. Wagner committee is there and there is a debate before or after the recharter. V. Ramos asked if this was the 25th academic year and this should take place before the next academic school year. Echoed by G. Kingree. C. Boyd expressed concern over celebrating before rechartering and expressed that April would be a good time for it. C. Wagner expressed that we check to see what other events are being conducted at that time period. A. Lopez asked about the dates of other events interested in the same venues and J. Read agreed that it would be best to pick the date sooner rather than later. V. Ramos expressed interest in getting alumni or is it a fundraiser or is it a celebration of the students. M. Simms said that this could be the kickoff for a capital campaign to drive a number to a specific goal. V. Ramos suggested that M. Simms and C. Wagner should meet with him to have a conversation about it. G. Kingree suggested reaching out to Water Street Mission for some tips.

Upcoming dates:

1. December 21, 2022 @ 5pm - Basketball game at Thaddeus Stevens
2. December 22, 2022 @ 6pm - Basketball game at Thaddeus Stevens



3. January 9, 2023 @ 5pm - PTO Meeting
4. January 14, 2023 @ 1pm - Basketball game at Thaddeus Stevens
5. January 25, 2023 @ 4pm - Board Meeting
6. January 28, 2023 - Fundraiser at Christina Criollo's (Central Market)
 - a. 10am-3pm
 - b. 20% of sales donated to PTO

Comments: C. Wagner said we should confirm interest in a staff-board member gathering. Email will be sent by A. Ferg.

B. Finance Committee (Ted Darcus, Treasurer)

(Board folder)

Action Item:

Cleaning Company contract approval: Motion by T. Darcus, seconded by C. Boyd; approved unanimously.

Comments: Additionally, J. Read explained that LAPCS received the payment from SDoL and are now caught up.

C. Governance Committee (Colleen Wagner, President)

Action Items:

Staff Hire: (sixth grade teacher) C. Boyd motioned, G. Kingree seconded; Approved unanimously.

2023-2024 School Calendar:

V. Ramos motioned, C. Boyd seconded; approved unanimously.

M. Simms explains the proposed 2022-2023 calendar and how the new early release schedule would change (two wednesdays a month instead of four) and how it would impact the time when the school year would end.

Comments: V. Ramos: how do the snow or delayed weather affect virtual days. A. Ferg explained that we do not have that option (virtual). We make up the snow days. A. Ferg explained some of the possibilities of future possibilities in terms of the schedule. M. Simms also explained that we could even look at how this could affect an all year round school. G. Kingree asked how that would impact scholar athletes. J. Read explained that we are making sure we analyze how that would affect enrollment long term. M. Simms we have to look at how this impacts our scholars and families.



School Nurse Job Description

Discussion over the wording on the starting salary and bilingual preference, so it was decided that it would be reworded for an E-vote at a later date.

IV. Executive Session (if needed) none

V. New Business none

Comments: C. Boyd gave a shout out to J. Read, as he saved LAPCS close to \$450/month on printing services.

VI. Public Comments

A. Lopez: Alice's Diner is wanting to help promote the sports program possibly in April.

VII. Adjournment: 4:50 by C. Wagner

Next Meeting: January 25, 2023