



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 22, 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, James Rovito, Guy Kingree

Voting Members Not Present: Jessica Gehman, Carlos Graupera, Victor Ramos

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

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Reading of the Mission & Vision: C. Wagner at 4:05

II. Approval of both January and February Minutes and Action Items from February meeting

- January/February Minutes: T. Darcus motioned; G. Nyutu-Blackman seconded; approved unanimously.
- New Mission/Vision: C. Boyd motioned; T.Darcus seconded; approved unanimously.
- Portrait of a Graduate: L. Silva motioned; G. Nyutu-Blackman seconded; approved unanimously.
- Staff changes (hiring of biology teacher) -- C. Boyd motioned; T. Darcus seconded; approved unanimously.
- Staff changes (change of position paraeducator to teacher) -- C. Boyd motioned; L. Silva seconded; approved unanimously
- Staff Changes (resignation) -- T. Darcus motioned; G. Nyutu-Blackman seconded; approved unanimously.

Comments: T. Darcus asked if there was an exit interview for the resignation and A. Ferg confirmed that there was one conducted.

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: 202

- Waiting list (30) - 6th Grade (10), 8th Grade (9), 9th Grade (8), 11th Grade (3)
- 2023-2024 Intent to Return and Application Now Open (02/06/2023)
- 103 Intent to Returns completed
- 22 New Scholar Applications

Staffing

- Fully Staffed!

Recharter

- Presentation on March 14
- Follow up information provided to SDOL
- Vote on April 18

Spring Sports

- Baseball

Testing

- SATs/PSATs
- PSSAs
- Keystones

Gala - June 9

- Ware Center
- Upohar Catering

Comments:

- C. Wagner asked if 103 intent to return forms is on par, and A. Ferg said that this is above normal rates thanks to the new online system.
- L. Silva expressed that we should have a plan years in advance for the next recharter.
- Discussion of the Baseball Team
- J. Read said that a sponsor provided equipment for the baseball team (hats, socks)
- Chris asked about encouraging scholars to take SAT's and A. Ferg explained how LAPCS provides opportunities for scholars to take them.
- C. Wagner said that we should look into Rock Littitz career exploration
- A. Lopez congratulated the scholars on the concert (that Perseus Gross held as part of his PBL Audio Engineering class.
- C. Wagner asked about the attendance goal for the gala and J. Read said 225.

Upcoming Dates

- April 3, 2023 @ 5:00pm - PTO Meeting
- April 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm - SDOL Board Meeting - Recharter Vote
- April 25, 2023 @ 5pm - LAPCS Baseball @ Clipper Magazine Stadium
- April 26, 2023 @ 4:00pm - Board Meeting
- 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 31, 2023 @ 6:00pm - Graduation at DoubleTree
- June 9, 2023 @ 6:30pm - Gala

B. Finance Committee (Ted Darcus, Treasurer)

Met on the 21st finances are going well with all members present

Omnivest: Budget process for 2023-2024

- Meeting weekly
- Staffing template completed
- Draft by April meeting
- For May approval
- Objective: revenue and aligning to payroll.
- Micro Purchase of Star Assessment program (under 10,000) was approved

Comments:

- C. Wagner -- Recharter vote representation (staff and Board)
- C. Wagner -- keynote speaker ideas

C. Governance Committee (Colleen Wagner, President)

Action Items: Internal Control Policy: customized to LAPCS's needs.

Record Retention Policy

Comments:

- L. Silva asked about the deposits and separation of duties for the Internal Control Policy and J. Read explained how it works within his team. The policy should be changed to reflect that the Director of Operations and Finance (J. Read) fills out all deposit slips. This will be sent to eVote once updated.
- Internal Control Policy approved via evote on April 11, 2023
- Record of Retention (see Board folder) is required by the state (provided by the attorney), specifying what we are required/not required to retain, so this is a process to create an electronic record keeping system. C. Boyd motioned; L. Silva second; approved unanimously.

IV. Executive Session (Lease Discussion)

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

VI. Public Comments

- A. Lopez asked about the PTO bylaws as she hasn't heard anything about them that is official. C. Wagner said they will be drafted by the end of the week

VII. Adjournment: 5:35 by C. Wagner