



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 24, 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 supports to meet the social-emotional needs of all scholars.

OUR VISION

Our scholars will GO BEYOND by demonstrating commitment to their communities, and 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, Jessica Gehman, James Rovito

Voting Members Not Present:, Carlos Graupera

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

Guests: Angel Rosario, Brandon Wilt, Vilma Lopez

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:06 C. Wagner.

Reading of the Mission and Vision read by A. Lopez.

II. Approval of April Minutes

T. Darcus motioned and G. Kingree 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: Vilma Lopez, School Social Worker

V. Lopez explained via a short presentation what she does here by highlighting how she loves working in this community where she grew up.

Comments:

A. Lopez asked how we can provide resources to the scholar and V. Lopez responded with email, phone, car, etc.

M. Simms remarked on how important her role is to the school, as she takes the burden off of the parents and the teachers.



Scholar Enrollment for 2023-2024:

- Lottery complete for 2023-2024
 - 35 seats remain for 2023-2024
 - 9th grade 100% full
 - Waiting list - 10 scholars
- Registration Opens next week

Comments:

M. Simms asked if we are ahead of where we normally are and A. Ferg responded that we are.

A. Lopez asked about the breakdown of SDoL vs. other districts, but that data is not yet available.

25th Anniversary Gala

- Ware Center on Prince Street
- Starts at 6:30 - Welcome & Program at 7:00
- \$12,500+ donations so far
- 163 RSVPs
- Still looking for a few Board members to RSVP

Comments:

M. Simms explains that there is a strategy with the seating arrangements, so that employees are mixed with the public.

2023 Graduation (N. Garress) N. Garress both graduation and signing day for every scholar who has been accepted into programs (trade schools, two and four year colleges, military).

- DoubleTree on May 31, 2023 @6 pm
- Scholar Remarks will be provided by Luis Marinez Jr.
- C. Wagner will speak and present the Ken Hammel Scholarship

Comments:

C. Wagner explained that the funds from ExtraGive are used for the Ken Hammel Scholarship.

A. Lopez asked about taking the opportunity to promote these accomplishments and J. Reed explained that there is a plan in place.

V. Ramos explained that May 1st is normally a cut off date for colleges and asked if we are doing a press release and A. Ferg said that we can put something out tomorrow.

A. Lopez explained that there are plenty of smaller dollar amount scholarships.

C. Wagner explained that we should keep track of this data for ExtraGive.



Upcoming Dates

- May 26, 2023 @ 8:30am - Senior Signing Day
- May 26, 2023 @ 6:00pm - ESoARTS LAPCS Exhibition
- May 31, 2023 @ 8:00am-12:00pm - Scholar Services End of Year Trip
- May 31, 2023 @ 6:00pm - Graduation at DoubleTree
- June 5, 2023 @ 5:00pm - PTO Meeting
- June 9, 2023 @ 6:30pm - Gala
- June 21, 2023 @ 4:00pm - Board Meeting

Comments:

C. Boyd asked when the last day for scholars and A. Ferg responded with June 2nd.

B. Finance Committee (Ted Darcus, Treasurer)

Action Items: 2023-2024 Budget: C. Boyd motioned, G. Kingree seconded; approved unanimously.

LLIU 13 IDEA Agreements - Use of Funds, Speech/Language Therapy, Job Training Services T. Darcus motioned and C. Boyd seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Governance Committee (Colleen Wagner, President)

See Board packet for information to be voted on during the June Board meeting.

IV. Executive Session (Personnel)

V. New Business (none)

VI. Public Comments

- A. Lopez commented that the sub fund raiser was successful and easy.
- M. Simms mentioned that the 8th grade celebration should have been on the calendar.

VII. Adjournment: 5:11pm by C. Wagner

Next Meeting: June 21, 2023*

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