



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 21, 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, Carlos Graupera, Leonel Silva, Victor Ramos, Guy Kingree, Jessica Gehman, James Rovito

New Board Members Welcomed: Angel Rosario, Brandon Wilt, Aidalis Lopez

Voting Members Not Present:

Administration and Non-Voting Members Present: Mark Simms, Amy Ferg, Jasson Read, Gregory McGough

Guests Present: Emily Marks, Katie Denight

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:05

C. Wagner

II. Approval of May Minutes

C. Wagner

- C. Boyd motioned; T. Darcus; approved unanimously.

III. Election of Trustees

C. Wagner

- A. Approval of Trustees Appointments: Motion by T. Darcus; G. Kingree seconded; approved unanimously.
- B. Approval of Officer Appointments (President: Colleen Wagner, Vice President: Chris Boyd, Secretary: Aidalis Lopez, Treasurer: Guy Kingree, III).
Motion T. Darcus; L. Silva seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Board of Trustees Swearing In

Honorable Judge Richardson

- A. Trustees and officers sworn in simultaneously by Judge Richardson.

V. Reports and Action Items



A. School Management

M. Simms/ Leadership

- Scholar Enrollment for 2023-2024 (J. Read):
 - Registration Opened 06/12/2023
 - 52 Registered
 - 22 seats remain for 2023-2024
 - 9th grade 100% full
 - Waiting list - 15 scholars
 - 7th & 10th also full

- Academics (A. Ferg)
 - Ended 2022-2023 with 204 scholars
 - Summer School started June 7
 - 24 scholars required to attend
 - 3 scholars retained
 - HS scholars not meeting credit requirements
 - A. Ferg reviewed the PSSA scores

Comments: C. Wagner asked if we can compare with other schools and A. Ferg explained how the PA school performance profile does that.

- Graduation (A. Ferg)
 - May 31, 2023
 - 27 Scholars Graduated
 - 25 accepted to post secondary schools
 - Ken Hammel scholarship: Juan Pena, Jr

- 25th Anniversary Gala (J. Read)
 - Spent \$22,460.00
 - \$16,000.00 In Donations
 - Goals achieved
 - Increased our community engagement
 - Celebrated our Staff
 - Network for future opportunities.

Comments: C. Wagner expressed thanks to G. Wertheim, M. Simms and J. Read for putting the Gala together. L. Silva gave very positive feedback and wondered what was the biggest expense (food). A. Lopez asked if we sent out “thanks” and continued support. J. Read explained that there is a plan for this. Additionally explaining that this is the platform for ExtraGive. S. Lopez asked how community businesses can connect for deeper connection. C. Boyd said we could try to network with them on back to school nights and we can do that for Board meetings. T. Darcused agreed and added that the most important part is how to build and take



away from this experience.

B. Finance Committee

T. Darcus

- Action Items: PowerSchool Naviance (College and Career Readiness) (A. Ferg explained the program)
McGraw Hill Textbook purchases (Social Studies, Health, Physics/Chem) (A. Ferg)
- T. Darcus motioned motioned; C. Boyd seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Governance Committee

C.Wagner

- Trustee Recognition: T. Darcus, C. Graupera will be recognized with a scholarship (more information to come)
- Action Items: Policy 249 - Anti-Bullying Policy: C. Wagner motioned; A. Lopez seconded; approved unanimously.

D. Building Committee

C. Boyd

- Committee members have been meeting and new Trustee members will be included.

E. Personnel Committee

C. Boyd

- Action Items:
 - Staff Hires: A. Lopez motioned; L. Silva seconded; approved unanimously.
 - Resignations: T. Darcus Motioned; L. Silva seconded; approved unanimously.
 - Staff retirement: Leo Motioned; T. Darcus seconded; approved unanimously.

VI. Executive Session (personnel)

VII. New Business (None)

VIII. Public Comments

E. Marks expressed concern that the school the gala promoted does not reflect the reality within the institution; citing that PBL isn't universal, some kids missed a lot of days of school and the experiential trips only benefited the scholars in student services. She further requested that the Board be more directly involved in the school by providing more frequent leadership surveys to staff, visiting classrooms, and getting involved with the state improvement plan.

IX. Adjournment

5:48

C. Wagner

Next Meeting: July 26, 2023