



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST, 23 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), Aidalis Lopez (officer), Jessica Gehman, Brandon Wilt, James Rovito, Leonel Silva

Voting Members Not Present: Guy Kingree (officer), Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Angel Rosario

Administration and Non-Voting Members Present: Mark Simms, Jasson Read, Gregory McGough, Luis Morales

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:02

C. Wagner

II. Approval of Minutes

C. Wagner

Edits were made and C. Boyd moved, B. Wilt seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Reports and Action Items

A. School Management

M. Simms/Leadership

- Enrollment (J. Read)
 - 6th Grade- 20
 - 7th Grade - 33
 - 8th Grade- 25
 - 9th Grade- 34
 - 10th Grade - 29
 - 11th Grade - 32
 - 12th Grade - 28
 - Total: 201
- J. Read also explained that there was a discrepancy earlier due to a Powerschool glitch issue.



Comment: C. Wagner asked about another sixth grade room. A. Lopez asked if the special education/general Education scholars compared to last year. L. Silva added that he would like to see the home districts. J. Read explained why we cap the number of students in each grade.

- PD Week (M. Simms)
 - Kick off at Clipper Magazine Stadium
 - Team Building/Get to Know You Activities
 - Introduction to Character Strong
 - Co-Teaching
 - Technology
 - Staff Potluck
 - Staff Handbook
 - The ELD Department and You
 - Staff Expectations (Sub Plans, Grading, Lesson Plans, Parent Contacts)
 - Technology Trainings (Powerschool, Schoology, Blooket, Kickboard, Smart Pass)
 - ADP
 - Mentor/Mentee Intro's
- M. Simms also reviewed the Henry Ford quote, went on to review professional development week and described each aspect of the PD. S. Kennedy explained the technical aspects. S. Kennedy explained how there will be changes to the virtual meeting link.
- Open House
 - Thursday, August 17, 2023 12-3PM and 4-7PM
 - Schedule Changes
 - The regular school day will be 8:00am-3:00pm for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Early dismissals will be at 11:30am the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month ONLY.
 - Student Handbook Updates
 - Families followed abbreviated scholar schedule
 - Information Tables for various school departments
 - Union Community Care Table
 - Chromebook Distribution
 - Ice Cream Social

B. Finance Committee

G. Kingree

- Action Items: N/A
- Lease Update (Signed by SACA on August 22nd)
- C. Boyd explained that the state's budget impasse is over, so checks are now coming in.



C. Governance Committee

C.Wagner

- Shoutout to A. Lopez and G. Kingree for joining.
- Looking at new Board members and the addition of liaisons to represent parents, students and teachers.

D. Building Committee N/A

C. Boyd

E. Personnel Committee

C. Boyd

- Action Items: A. Lopez motioned, J. Gehman seconded personnel items approved unanimously.
- Staff Hires/Resignations two vacancies (MS and HS math) A. Lopez asked about alumni in local colleges. M. Simms also explained that one of the factors of the lack of teachers could be that the internships are not paid. M. Simms talked about the possibility of signing up for Substitute Teacher Service and explained how it works and the possible benefits.

IV. Executive Session (Personnel)

V. New Business

Members of Omnivest explained how cashflow is seasonal and summertime tends to be slower than normal.

VI. Public Comments (none)

VII. Adjournment

5:37

C. Wagner

Next Meeting: September 27, 2023