



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 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, and are recognized by their leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

Voting Members Present: Colleen Wagner (officer), Chris Boyd (officer), Aidalis Lopez (officer), Guy Kingree (officer), Jessica Gehman, Brandon Wilt, Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Leonel Silva, Angel Rosario

Voting Members Not Present: James Rovito

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

Guests: Elizabeth Landis, Clarina Rodriguez, Katie Denight, Mr. and Mrs. Pagan (and scholar), Mrs. Vega (and scholar)

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:04

C. Wagner

C. Wagner welcomed everyone, including the incoming principal to LAPCS, Elizabeth Landis.

II. Approval of Minutes

C. Wagner

Motion by A. Lopez; C. Boyd Seconded; approved unanimously (with attendance edit).

III. Reports and Action Items

A. School Management

M. Simms/Leadership

- Staff Highlight -Clarina Rodriguez
 - C. Rodriguez shared her important role as Dean of School Culture at LAPCS, her passion for the scholars and how she builds up the culture of the building through PBIS.
- Students of the Month C. Rodriguez introduced Scholars of the Month. Tatiana Pagan - C. Rodriguez explained how and why she was



chosen as a Scholar of the Month.

- C. Boyd asked what the Board can do to help her achieve her dream and she said that she gets a lot of support at LAPCS. Her father expressed how proud he is of her.

Ruth Vega - C. Rodriguez explained how and why she was chosen as a Scholar of the Month.

- L. Silva asked why LAPCS and her mother explained that she feels safe here and said her daughter is happy. The scholar said that she was nervous at first, but that she felt welcomed here.
- Amazon PBIS Wish List - C. Rodriguez explained the PBIS wishlist and promised to send the link to the Board.
- Star Assessments: S. Rally explained the progress that is being made and how the program works towards our School Improvement Plan..
- Charter School Conference Recap: M. Simms gave highlights of the event and our participation in it and how LAPCS was named charter school of the week.
- Thanksgiving Lunch for Scholars and families is on 11/16/23.
- Enrollment: J. Read
 - C. Wagner asked what happens if the scholar doesn't have proof of residency and J. Read explained that they would be considered homeless. L. Silva asked how we keep engaging with scholars who are on the waiting list in 9th grade. J. Read explained how we keep communication up with them.
- Extraordinary Give \$15,000.00 is the goal. Teams were announced and the reasoning behind the goal. L. Silva suggested a raffle as an incentive.
- Union Community Care Night Wednesday Nov. 8, 2023 M. Simms explained the information about Union Community Care and its partnership with LAPCS that will be provided to the families on November 8th from 5:30 to 7:30.
- Thanksgiving at LAPCS - discussion of the event and the specific needs.

B. Finance Committee

G. Kingree

- Outstanding Food and ESSER Payments Update - Payments came in during October after issues were resolved.
- Brief Audit Update
- Benefits and Health Insurance Update

Board Approval Required

- Imagine Learning Software (Edgenuity): J. Read explained that the primary use of the program is to provide scholars an opportunity to recover credits during the school year and during the summer. Motion by A. Lopez; seconded by L. Silva; approved unanimously.



C. Governance Committee

C.Wagner

- Extraordinary Give
- Policy Approvals (see Board packet)
- Nomination of Dr. Christina Williams to the Board of Directors.
 - C. Boyd moved; G. Kingree Seconded; approved unanimously.
- Employee Referral Bonus Policy

E. Personnel Committee

C. Boyd

- Action Items:
 - Staff Hires/Resignations/Vacancies:
 - G. Kingee motioned; G. Nyutu-Blackman seconded; approved unanimously

IV. Executive Session (Personnel)

V. New Business (none)

**VI. Public Comments
(none)**

VII. Adjournment

5:31

C. Wagner

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023