



LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 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, James Rovito, Leonel Silva, Angel Rosario, Gloria Nyutu-Blackman

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

Guests: Sardis Melo

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:02

C. Wagner

II. Approval of Minutes

C. Wagner

G. Kingree motioned; seconded by L. Silva; approved unanimously.

III. Reports and Action Items

A. School Management

M. Simms/Leadership

- Staff Highlight - Sardis Melo College and Careers Teacher
 - Presented her slides and discussed her contributions to the school and the scholars, along with plans for the future of the program.
Comments: C. Wagner reminded S. Melo to rely on the Board for assistance. A. Lopez asked about reaching out to local companies and S. Melo stated that that is in the works and explained specific plans in place. Board members offered support.
- PA Coalition of Charter Schools Conference - M. Simms and C. Wagner will be presenting to the conference. M. Simms explained how the conference will be run and how it connects with LAPCS. Explained the visits and how



it will be organized. Great opportunity to promote LAPCS.

Comments: C. Wagner said that information should be sent to the Board.

- WIN/Star Assessments - S. Rally explained that scholars are initially assessed using Star and then work on Freckle (the remediation program) daily in WIN periods until reassessed at the end of each quarter. At that point adjustments in scholar placements will be considered.
- Enrollment - J. Read explained the enrollment numbers and showed numbers of schools that LAPCS scholars come from.
 - Total Scholars: 200
 - 3 Application in progress
 - Regular Education Scholars: 144
 - Special Education: 56

Comments: Discussion of enrolling scholars. Caps on students vs. teachers size. C. Wagner stated that several different considerations need to be made. Discussion of the charter and how the cap relates to it. J. Read explained that schools can set the cap on how many scholars can be sent to our schools. Discussion of community partners to support scholars.

- G. Wertheim explained the Student Services Halloween Briefs Donation Party and how it benefits the Neffsville Home.

Comments: B. Wilt would like a count of scholars that may not have money to buy the briefs.

B. Finance Committee

G. Kingree

- No Items to approve, G. Kingree updated the Board on the healthcare coverage and the ERC.

C. Governance Committee

C. Wagner

- Action Items (none), but C. Wagner gave updates on adding new Board members and community events that LAPCS have participated in.
- A. Lopez discussed ExtraGive (November 17th) and explained the importance of scholar involvement to help increase family participation
 - HS students
 - Looking for class champions (responsible for representing their grades)
 - Special events are in the works
 - Incentivize the grades to bring in more participation
- J. Read explained the plans for Board participation
- Goal is \$13,000

E. Personnel Committee

C. Boyd

- Action Items:
- Staff Hires/Resignations/Vacancies
 - C. Wagner motioned; A. Lopez seconded; approved unanimously.



IV. Executive Session (Personnel)

V. New Business (none)

VI. Public Comments (none)

VII. Adjournment 5:47

C. Wagner

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023