



LA ACADEMIA

PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL

LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 2024

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 - left at 5:11), Aidalis Lopez (officer), Guy Kingree (officer), Jessica Gehman, Brandon Wilt (left at 4:25), Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Leonel Silva (left at 5:14)

Voting Members Not Present: James Rovito, Christina Williams, Angel Rosario

Administration and Non-Voting Members Present: Elizabeth Landis (Principal), Mark Simms (CEO), Jasson Read (Director of Finance & Operations), Gregory McGough (IU13 Representative), Katrina Holmes (SDoL Representative)

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

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| I. Executive Session (finances) | C. Wagner |
| II. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:27pm | C. Wagner |
| III. Approval of Minutes | C. Wagner |

G. Kingree motioned; A. Lopez seconded; approved unanimously

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Finance Committee G. Kingree

- Brief overview of January Financial Report - revenues are above budget and Omnivest created a projected budget, which will assist in preparing for the budgets in the 24-25 school year.
- Enrollment is above the budget and revenue is up 7% up from the estimated amounts.
- ERC Updates
 - Board Approval – VDP Program for Quarters 1, 2, 3 2021 (Mr. Williams to submit documents to the IRS)
 - A. Lopez motioned; J. Gehman seconded; approved unanimously
 - Board Approval – Submission for ERC for Quarters 2, 2020 (Alliantgroup to the IRS)
 - J. Gehman motioned, L. Silva seconded; approved unanimously
- Rent Reimbursement Through PDE
 - Board Approval – Rent Reimbursement Application (prepared by Omnivest)
 - J. Gehman motioned, A. Lopez seconded; approved unanimously

B. School Management E. Landis/Leadership

- Introduction of new SDoL Board representative
 - Katrina Holmes
 - Welcome and introductions all around
- Grant updates (J. Read)
 - Need clarity of various grants
 - A. Lopez: High Foundation could be a good resource.
- Students of the Month - E. Landis
 - Mercedes Faber-Ortiz (8th) - profile was shown on the screen
 - Dana Vargas Payano (12th) - profile was shown on the screen and E. Landis explained this senior's unique circumstances
 - J. Gehman asked about the process of student of the month and E. Landis explained how the nomination and voting process involved teachers and students
- Enrollment - Jasson Read-Jean
 - Waitlist

- 6th: N/A
- 7th: 7
- 8th: 1
- 9th: 22
- 10th: N/A
- 11th: N/A
- 12th: N/A

- C. Wagner asked about reaching out to those on the waiting list and J. Read explained that process.
- L. Landis explained how increasing the building size could help with the waiting list.
- A. Lopez asked about the window for returning students and J. Read explained that the window is 15 to 20 days.
 - M. Simms further explained that we have to go through the enrollment process each year is due to being a charter school.

- Principal/CEO Report - Mark Simms/Liz Landis

- M. Simms discussed the basketball team and how they are playing to participate in the state championships.
- Discussion of the Ephrata Mennonite court and gym and the facilities
- Reviewed senior class meeting to discuss prom, photos, graduation and senior class trip
- L. Landis explained the changes due to a practice for graduation which impacts the schedule at the end of the year
- Dr. Miles (Superintendent of SDoL) will be visiting LAPCS on Friday (3/1/24)
- Champion of our Youth will visit LAPCS April 16th
- Maintenance of Effort Letter (see Mark): this in regarding LAPCS State Title 1 funds and we have complied on all levels
- L. Landis provided an overview of professional development for teachers, which included:
 - STEELS standards
 - Aligning curriculum with project based learning
 - Creating curriculum guides
 - Year-at-a-glance (YAGS) for each course
 - Small environment limitations to creating a course load with a variety of choices
 - Internship programs to expand next year

- C. Wagner encouraged L. Landis to email the Board regarding internship opportunities.

C. Governance Committee C. Wagner ● New Business

- Update on Policy Review - L. Landis stated that there are no policies to be approved, explaining that Dr. Clark (PA Coalition of Charter Schools) encouraged LAPCS to use the resources that are already vetted by PDE.
- C. Wagner reminded Board members to complete Act 55 Training

D. Personnel Committee C. Boyd ● Action Items:

- Staff Hires
 - Learning Support Teacher: Maria Linder-Hess
 - Building Sub: Leah Carver
 - E-Vote to approve as quorum was no longer available

VI. New Business (none)

VII. Public Comments (none)

VIII. Adjournment 5:24 C. Wagner Next

Meeting: March 27, 2024