



LA ACADEMIA

PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL

LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 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, Aidalis Lopez (officer), Guy Kingree (officer), Jessica Gehman, Christina Williams

Voting Members Not Present: Leonel Silva, James Rovito, Angel Rosario, Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Brandon Wilt

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

Minutes Recorder: Steve Rally

AGENDA:

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| I. Executive Session (Finances) | C. Wagner |
| II. Call to Order / Roll Call 4:31
Missing/Vision Read by C. Rodriguez | C. Wagner |
| III. Approval of Minutes
G. Kingree motioned; C. Boyd seconded; approved unanimously | C. Wagner |
| IV. Reports and Action Items | |
| A. Finance Committee | G. Kingree |
| • Brief overview of February Financial Report | |

- “Okay” against the budget as revenues being up, but the costs are higher (resources)
- Starting the budget for 24-25 process in April
- ESSERS is going away this year, but we are in need of more grant money for the budgeting process.
 - M. Simms - non-designated grant money would be ideal for replacing the ESSER funds.
 - J. Read - focusing on funds from community partners that are geared towards our specific demographics. J. Read also mentioned initiatives through the department of education and local government in Lancaster.
 - Need to replace nearly \$500,000
 - C. Wagner asked who was out looking for donors and J. Read explained that Mark and himself are going to meet and greet and get the LAPCS name out there.
 - C. Wagner asked about worst case scenarios for the upcoming staff renewals and both J. Read and M. Simms explained that we are looking at staying away from human capital (teachers).
 - M. Simms asked E. Davis how LAPCS compares to other schools and he responded that LAPCS doesn’t use as much of the ESSER funds for teaching staff compared to other schools.
 - J. Gehman suggested approaching local partners for partnership opportunities to build up for the next school year.
 - SDoL was requesting monthly financial statements from LAPCS per our charter and we have caught up.
 - Preview of an agenda item for the next meeting (990 form) that needs to be shared by the auditor.

B. School Management

- Students of the Month - Clarina Rodriguez
 - Jomar Quinones Rosado
 - Slide read by C. Rodriguez
 - Mrs. Rosado is happy with his behavior at both school and home.
 - C. Boyd asked why he is at LAPCS and she explained that she has had three children here, stating that her eldest was struggling in McCaskey and she wanted to have her children be in a smaller environment.
 - Roxmel Dominguez Ramos
 - Roxanna Ramos (parent)
 - Slide read by C. Rodriguez
 - R. Ramos stated that her son is doing very well at LAPCS and thanked the school for accepting him. She wanted a school that was smaller and community oriented.
- Enrollment - Jasson Read-Jean
 - 176 from SDoL
 - Open enrollment explanation by J. Read
 - Current students have first choice

E. Landis/Leadership

- Then anyone who wants to apply
 - Current enrollment is 201 students
 - M. Simms explained the possibilities of cyber learning to heighten numbers
 - K. Holmes: explained how flex-time within the classroom at SDoL has helped with their own space issues.
 - Principal/CEO Report - Mark Simms/Liz Landis
 - Action Item: Proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar
 - M. Simms explained how the calendar was developed with SDoL collaboration, food service, and transportation in mind.
 - M. Simms discussed the studio tour experience (WITF) that our students attended and K. Holmes showed pictures.
 - M. Simms explained the hours vs. days in a school year. (900/90 hours vs. 180 days)
 - Motion J. Gehman, A. Lopez, Seconded; approved unanimously

C. Governance Committee

C. Wagner

● **New Business**

- Discussion of By-laws
 - Revising by-laws
 - Will be presented at next Board meeting

D. Personnel Committee

C. Boyd

- Action Items:
 - Staff Hires (quorum not met for this vote in February)
 - Learning Support Teacher: Maria Linder-Hess
 - Building Sub: Leah Carver
 - Motion to approve: A. Lopez; Seconded G. Kingree; approved unanimously

VI. New Business (none)

VII. Public Comments (none)

VIII. Adjournment 5:43

C. Wagner

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024