



Galapagos Rockford Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes 5/9/2017 5:30pm

Meeting called to order 5:37pm

2605 School St. (Lower Academy), Rockford, IL

In attendance: Michael Lane, Dave Taber, Rebecca Denzer, Jeff Orduno, Josh Binning
Dr. Jon Lippitz

Absent- Ald. Ann Thompson-Kelly

- Public Comment
 - None
- Review of the December minutes
 - Board reviewed the December minutes
 - Minutes were approved
- Bright Spots (Laskov, Hopper, Puckett)
 - Laskov- Elective Programming at the Upper Academy
 - Hopper- Outside PD experiences & sharing of learning to staff from instructors
 - Puckett- FAR Program (Focused Academic Recovery) at the Upper Academy
- Introduction of New Staff
 - Mariam Al-Yousuf, ExceleRate Director
 - Rajan Sharma, Dean of School Culture
 - Matthew Gargano, Dean of School Culture
- Academics ANet Summary (Laskov)
 - ANet performance across the all four interims was shared with the board
 - Comparison to network (highest performing school)
- Northwestern Participation (Puckett)
 - 8 scholars are confirmed and all have financial aid
- Washington D.C. (Laskov)
 - Tentative Agenda reviewed
- Fundraising (Lane)
 - We have raised \$87,000 through various sources
 - Summary of fundraising sources were shared with the board
- Enrollment (Laskov)
 - 107 new applications received
 - Current projected enrollment is below recruitment goals for this time of year

- Playground Build Day (Laskov)
 - Saturday, May 20th
 - Playground Build Day plans shared
 - Still fundraising & looking for volunteers
- Facility Issues at 2605 School and 3051 Rotary Rd.
 - Summer Projects:
 - Windows- Lower Academy
 - Construction at the end of June for the windows east lower level & west lower level
 - Board Vote- Project approved unanimously to move forward with Cardinal Glass quote.
 - Abatement- Upper Academy will take place in hallway at 3 classrooms
 - Parking Lot- Lower Academy quotes still being solicited
- Proposal to purchase a school bus (Vote needed to move forward)
 - Need discussed
 - Vote to support research for bus purchase: Research approved unanimously by present board members
 - Details for possible purchase to be shared at the next board meeting
- Financial update – Review of financial statements
 - Board was provided with current financial statements
 - Full Accrual PNL by August
- Need for permanent Board Fund Raising Committee
 - Proposed adding a board member with expertise in fundraising & community contacts
 - Three Board Members volunteered to sit on the Committee (Denzer, Orduno, Taber)
- Upcoming Events (Hopper)
 - Playground Build Day- Saturday, May 20th
 - Poetry Slam- May 17th & 24th
 - 4th Grade Step Up Day at the Upper Academy May 18th
 - Panera Bread Night Fundraiser- May 11th
 - Graduation- June 9th
 - Variety Show- June 15th

Galapagos Rockford Charter School is dedicated to preparing scholars to be responsible, productive, college-educated adults capable of adapting and prospering in the changing global economy.

Core Values of Galapagos

Grit

Drive

Growth Mindset