Board Agenda March 17, 2026
5:30pm

Lower Academy – 2605 School St (In person)

GRCS Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 5:40pm

Location: 2605 School St.

Board members present: Patrick Love, David Taber, Javier Cruz, Michael Lane

Board members absent: Josh Binning, Dr. Jon Lippitz

Meeting adjourned:6:48pm

I. Public Comment – no public comment
II. Review of December 16, 2026 Minutes- approved
III. Glows (Ellis, Oliver, Hildreth, Jones)
IV. Staffing Update (Kettelhut)
- Recruitment for 2026-27 has begun, not fully clear about needs until offer letters to current staff completed
- Recruiting for Summer Fellow

V. Financial Reports (Lane) Financials through October 2025
- Surplus remains healthy at over three million

VI. Facility- Exploring gym – initial plans
- M Lane shared initial drawings of multi-purpose building- to be approximately 10,000 square feet. Would be a pre-fab building apart from current building. Working with Larson and Darby Architects.

VII. Academic Update- (Ellis, Hildreth)
VIII. Attendance 2025-26 (Oliver)
-Attendance averaging at 90%
IX. Enrichment Update (Lane)
- ASX is going strong with high levels of participation
- Project Passport programs have been rolled out and will continue to be so through Jan
- Galapagos on Broadway is offering 9 shows partially thanks to the Illinois Arts Council Grant

X. Enrollment Report (Kettelhut)
- Enrollment for 2026-27 Lottery held in March
- Current enrollment is 370

XI. Re-Chartering Update (Boeddeker)
- RPS has moved dates multiple times for final decision

Reminders

XII. Graduation June 3, 2026 at UA -5:00pm

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Core Values of Galapagos: Grit Drive Growth Mindset

Next Board Meeting: Lower Academy-2605 School St. – June 1, 2026 at 5:30pm

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