



**Board Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2019  
Lower Academy 5:30pm**

Present- Lane, Denzer, Taber, & Binning

Absent- Dr. Lippitz, Orduno, Thompson-Kelly

- Public Comment  
None
- Review of September 5, 2019 Minutes  
Approved
- Bright Spots
  - Al-Yousuf (School Visit Trip- visited 4 high performing charter schools in Boston and brought back take-aways for PD)
  - Puckett (BIG Tutoring Program- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars tutoring in math fluency)
  - Smith (Northwestern Program meetings have started)
  - Sharma (Third Annual Basketball Tournament)
- Project Passport Africa
  - Tiffani Singleton (Class of 2017-2025)- Shared about her experience with Project Passport-Africa
  - Josh Binning report on meeting with Global Livingston Institute- want to continue the partnership- they will pay for two scholars and a chaperone and GRCS will support one, scholars will need to do \$1,000 of fundraising
- Northwestern AWE – STEM program (Lane)
  - Alana Roberson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Ryan Phillips 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Financial and Budget (Lane)
  - Reviewed the balance sheet, reviewed the budget to actuals
  - Zisson Family Foundation- large grant came in of \$9,500
- IAR Performance (Puckett)
  - Commendable designation discussed
  - 2019 IAR data reported
  - 2019 data compared to 2018 data
- MAP Report- (Al-Yousuf/Puckett)
  - Percentage of scholars at grade level according to MAP reported
- Enrollment Report and Strategies (Kenney)
  - 361 scholars currently (Goal 370)
  - Enrollment by grade reviewed
  - Recruitment methods reviewed
- Attendance Data (Sharma and Smith)- August-November numbers  
Monthly Attendance & Comparative Data Reviewed
- Culture Data (Sharma and Smith)- August-November numbers  
Discipline & Suspension numbers shared



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- After School Programming Q2 and Q3 - (Sharma and Smith)  
Q1 & Q2 Programs discussed
- Staffing (Boeddeker)  
Hiring for ELA, Special Education, & Summer Fellows
- Board Addition (Denzer)  
Addition to ByLaws proposed for adding a parent board member  
Will extend an offer to Monica Smith  
Would also like to extend an offer to Gia Flipowitz
- Any Additional Board Business

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

**Goal**

Kindergarten scholars enrolling today will be at or above grade level by third grade

**Next Board Meeting - February 19, 2020**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Lower Academy- 2605 School Street**

Note: All board meetings are and have always been posted at the entrance of both campuses as well as on the website under school calendar as well as on the Legal Notices page.