



**Board Minutes August 29, 2024  
5:30pm**

**Lower Academy – 2605 School St. (In person)**

Meeting called to order at 5:42

Present- Michael Lane, Dave Taber, Josh Binning, Patrick Love (quorum present)

Absent- Jon Lippitz, Josh Matthews, Javier Cruz

- I. No public comment requested
- II. June 4, 2024 minutes approved
- III. Scholar Focus – two scholars spoke regarding their project passport experience this summer
- IV. Introduction of new Deans of Instruction S. Ellis and Shelby Hildreth
- V. Glows (Puckett, Oliver, Ellis, Hildreth)- each admin spoke of something they were proud of (parent open house, staffing, honor roll and first day)
- VI. Staffing Update – School fully staffed in classroom; ancillary positions still open. But staffing is at the highest it has been in many years
- VII. Food Bank Update (Hull)- Food Bank continues to successful serve the families and community members of Galapagos. Food bank is receiving tons (literally of donations) from Walmart, Aldi
- VIII. Financial Reports (Lane) Financials through June 2024- GRCS financial remain healthy with a \$3 million reserve.  
New meal contract- awarded to Gourmet Gorilla
- IX. Academic Update- (Ellis, Hildreth)  
Support from Redwood  
2024-25 Academic Goals
  - 20 Percent point increase in math and ela
- X. Attendance Update and 2024-25 Goals (Oliver-Puckett)
  - Goal 3 percentage point increase over last year to 93%
- XI. Enrichment Update (Lane)- GRCS ran over a dozen summer programs this summer and plans on continuing the majority of the programs next year
- XII. Enrollment Report
  - Started school year at 389 (highest ever)
- XIII. Board Trainings – members reminded of the 2 hour requirement

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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

**Next Board Meeting: Nov 19 at 5:30 pm at Lower Academy**

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