



**Board Agenda November 19, 2024  
5:30pm**

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

Public Comment

Meeting Called to Order: 5:34pm

Absent: David Taber, Dr. Jon Lippitz, Joshua Matthews

Present: Michael Lane, Joshua Binning, Javier Cruz, Patrick Love (quorum present)

- Public Comment
  - None
- Review of Aug 29, 2024 Minutes
  - Motion to approve- all in favor
- Review of 2024 Bullying Policy- approved unanimously and determined that no changes were deemed necessary.
- Glows (Puckett, Oliver, Ellis, Hildreth)
  - Puckett: College 101 Family Night was successful
  - Oliver: Honor Roll Recognition, 38 scholars at LA
  - Hildreth: Scholars joining IEP meetings
  - Ellis: Staff Committees have returned and all staff members are included
- Staffing Update (Boeddeker)
  - Currently looking for instructional aides and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Instructor
- Food Bank Update (Hull)
  - New partnership with ComEd for lightbulbs
  - Most of our food (38%) is coming from Walmart
  - 70 families will receive complete family meals for Thanksgiving (just for GRCS families)
- Financial Reports (Lane) Financials through Sept 2024
  - Cash on hand approx. two millions dollars
  - New fitness area at the UA and LA
  - Compliance Audit FY 24- No findings
  - Replaced Finance Manager- brought on Andrew Schmidt on contractual basis
  - Proposal to adjust board approval to purchases/contracts exceeding \$50,000
    - All purchases above \$50,000 need board approval
    - All purchases between \$25,000 and \$50,000 need to be discussed at the next board meeting
    - Vote- All in favor
- Academic Update- (Ellis, Hildreth)
  - NWEA MAP assessment was given in Fall



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- Math 29<sup>th</sup> percentile as a school
- ELA 38<sup>th</sup> percentile as a school
- Language Usage 36<sup>th</sup> percentile as a school
- SY Goals Reviewed
  - Increase scholars on grade level (both ELA/Math) by 20% on both the MAP and IAR assessments.
  - 80% of all scholars will demonstrate growth based on individual goals by spring 2024 (based on NWEA MAP)
  - 50% of all scholars in the bottom level of the IAR assessment will move up to partially meeting expectations.

Strategies & Initiatives were reviewed

Data driven instruction

Targeted intervention

Differentiated Staff Professional Development

Regular Progress Monitoring

Work with ANET

Request to share IAR projections based on January MAP results with the board.

- Attendance Update and 2024-25 Goals (Oliver-Puckett)
  - August: 91.84%
  - September: 91.94%
  - October: 89.66%
  - 90.99% Overall YTD
- Enrichment Update (Lane)
  - Increase in applications 80 applications this year- highest ever
  - Scholars have been selected and trips will occur in June
- Enrollment Report (van Arneman)
  - December 1<sup>st</sup>- applications for enrollment will open
  - 378 scholars currently
  - Reenrollment is up by 12.67%
- Solar for UA
  - Pursuing solar at the UA

Reminders

- Board Trainings and update on completions



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Meeting concluded 6:47pm

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Core Values of Galapagos: Grit Drive Growth Mindset

**Next Board Meeting: March 5, 2025 at Upper Academy- 3051 Rotary Rd.**

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