



**Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024
5:30pm**

Lower Academy – 2605 School St.

- Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.
Meeting adjourned 6:49 p.m.
- Roll Call: David Taber, Michael Lane, Joshua Binning, Javier Cruz, Dr. Jon Lippitz, Joshua Matthews, Patrick Love- present
- Public Comment- None
- Review of December 19, 2023 Minutes
 - Minutes approved unanimously
- Glows
 - Puckett: Had our first school dance for families since COVID, 379 people (80 families) attended
 - Oliver: Instructor recognition celebration for staff who earned their degrees, honor roll grew from 35 to 37 scholars
 - Kang: worked on improving and organizing the Science Lab and the Library
 - Cook: Model UN team got the “Sparty” award for Sportsmanship, Top 20 Golden Apple Finalist (Molly Kettelhut)
- Staffing Update (Lane)
 - Staffing has improved since the last meeting. There are some special education positions (instructors and aides) that we would like to fill.
- Food Bank Update (Hull)
 - Partnerships with Walmart, Meier, Aldi, Northern IL Food Bank
 - Served more than 2,000 families (8,000 individuals)
- Financial Reports (Lane)
 - Net Income 3.6 million, 575,000 surplus
 - \$100,000 into Vanguard
 - Hired someone to audit our systems and improve procedures
 - Financials through December 31, 2023 reviewed
- Academic Update (Puckett, Kang and Boeddeker)
 - Update on academic goals- increase by 20%
 - K, 1, 2, 3, and 8th have hit the goal for math based on Winter MAP
 - K, 3, 7, and 8th have hit the goal for ELA based on Winter MAP
- Attendance Update (Oliver and Cook)
 - 93% goal
 - Year over year comparison reviewed



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- Upper Academy has had really strong numbers
- Hovering around 90%

- Enrichment Update (Lane)
 - 9 summer programs announced
 - Will be participating in the Latino Youth Summit

- Enrollment Report (van Arneman)
 - We are up by 20 students year over year
 - 99 scholars reenrolled
 - 107 applications in the lottery

- Graduation invite to Board members (Cook)

Reminders

- Board Trainings (Lane)

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: June 4, 2024
