



**Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024
5:30pm**

Lower Academy – 2605 School St. (In person)

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:36pm

Meeting End: 6:58pm

Present: Michael Lane, Patrick Love, David Taber, Joshua Binning

Absent: Joshua Matthews, Javier Cruz, Dr. Jon Lippitz

- Public Comment
 - None
- Review of March 5, 2024 Minutes
- Scholar Focus- Mia Hernandez (Latino Youth Summit)
 - Held at the University of Wisconsin, Encouraged scholars to be proud of who you are and helped to build leadership skills
- Glows
 - Puckett: Restructuring instruction for more differentiation and small groups/centers
 - Oliver: 4th grade field trip to Rockford University and Step Up to the Upper Academy
 - Volunteer Day- each grade level had a focus to give back to the community
- Graduation update- Binning and Cruz
 - Celebration of our graduates, families were happy, positive comments from the news crew
- Staffing Update (Lane)
 - Summer School- 10 fellows and 5 instructors will be teaching summer school.
 - 3 teachers are retiring/resigning
- Food Bank Update (Hull)
 - Implemented some procedures to control the lines
 - Northern IL Food Bank, Meier, Aldi, and Walmart have all donated thousands of pounds of food
- Financial Reports (Lane)
 - Financials through April, 2024
 - Budget due on June 30th
- Academic Update (Puckett, Kang and Boeddeker)
 - 80% will demonstrate expected growth
 - 55% of scholars demonstrated expected growth in math
 - 57% of scholar demonstrated expected growth in ELA
 - 25% of scholars on grade level in math
 - 30% in math
 - 40% of scholars on grade level in ELA



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- 32% in ELA
- IAR preliminary scores reviewed (ELA 19%, Math 10%)
- Attendance Update (Oliver)
 - Currently at 89%, 1% point increase
 - 93% goal
- Enrichment Update (Lane)
 - Washington DC Trip is currently happening
 - Trips to Spain, Utah, University of Wisconsin, Costa Rica, Africa will take place in June and July
- Enrollment Report (van Arneman)
 - 222 total applications (up compared to last year)
 - 206 scholars reenrolled, 54 new scholars

Reminders

- Board Trainings (Lane)
- FY 2025 Dates

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: TBD
