



**Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023  
5:30pm**

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

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: Present- Michael Lane, David Taber, Patrick Love, Joshua Binning, Javier Cruz, Dr. Lippitz (via Zoom), Joshua Matthews (via Zoom)

Absent: none

Public Comment- None

- Review of June 6, 2023 Minutes
  - Motion to approve, seconded, approved (unanimous)
- Glows (Puckett- implementation of Foundations (new phonics program) is going very well, Oliver- attendance at the LA has been very good 34 occurrences of perfect attendance so far, Cook- we have all of our College 101 trips planned- scholars are excited)
- Scholar Spotlight
  - Scholars discussed Project Passport experiences in Utah and Wisconsin (UW STEP Program)
- Staffing Update (Boeddeker)
  - Currently recruiting for:
    - 2 instructor positions
    - 4 aide/support positions
    - DOI
    - Enrichment & Staff Recruitment Manager
- Financial Reports (Lane)
  - Financials through June 30, 2023
    - Strong, surplus remains high, operating loss of \$250,000 (\$400,000 of receivables that hit in 2023 that will put us in the positive zone)
- Construction update (Lane)
  - Solar light array
  - EV Van
- Food Pantry Update (Hull)
  - Open every Wednesday in the summer
  - Increase in use in the summer
  - 1,680 families have been serviced by the food pantry
- Academic Update (Puckett and Boeddeker)
  - IAR Data was released since the last meeting moved from 5.15% on grade level to 20.60% in ELA, 3.76% on grade level to 5.15% in Math



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- New academic goals- 20% increase in reading and math
- Move 50% of scholars in the bottom level up
- MAP- 80% of scholars meet individual goals
  
- Attendance 23 Goals (Oliver and Cook)
  - Growth of 4.7% of attendance for last year
  - Goal of 4.57% increase to 93% ADA
  
- Enrichment Update (Lane)
  - Had a full summer of programming
  - 24% of scholars participated in summer enrichment programming
  - Goal to increase summer programming participation to 35% of scholars
  
- Enrollment Report (van Arneman)
  - Started the school year with 387 scholars (currently at 384)
  - 64 people on the wait list
  
- Re-chartering (Lane)
  - We received a three year re-chartering agreement

**Reminders**

- Board Trainings See below (Lane)

INCS wanted to let you know that we have our 4th free board training of the year coming up on Tuesday, September 19 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Sign up [here](#).

**Maximizing Board Accountability**

Chicago Booth professor, Christina Hachikian, will share the inherent challenges of board leadership and what science says boards can do to combat role confusion, the altruism paradox, the intention paradox, and lack of engagement. Board leadership is challenging, and Ms. Hachikian will break down the day-to-day problems that keep charter school boards from operating more effectively.

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Core Values of Galapagos: Grit Drive Growth Mindset

**Next Board Meeting: December 19, 2023**

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