



**Board Minutes  
February 19, 2020  
Lower Academy 5:30pm**

In attendance: Michael Lane, Dave Taber, Josh Binning, Monica Smith

Absent: Rebecca Denzer, Dr. Lippitz, Ald. Ann Thompson-Kelly

- Public Comment  
None
- Review of December 4, 2019 Minutes
- Introduction of new Board Member (Monica Smith)  
Welcome to our new parent board member!
- Removal of Jeff Orduno from Board  
4 yeas to remove Mr. Orduno who has not officially resigned, but has not attended meetings in some time.
- Enrollment Report (Kinney)  
Comparison of year-over-year application & enrollment numbers
- Board Training 2020 (options)  
Review of requirement for hours for board training for this calendar year. Josh to reach out to ISBE or training options.
- Bright Spots (Admin Team- Al-Yousuf, Puckett, Smith, Sharma)  
MA- FAR Tutoring, SP- Absent, TS & RS- After School Participation
- Financial (Lane)  
Balance Sheet Reviewed  
Budget to Actuals Reviewed
- Capital Plans and Possible IFF Loan  
CapEx Plan- 5 year reviewed  
Fiscal Year 2021 reviewed- replace the roof, resurface the parking lot,  
IFF Loan Approved
- MAP Report- (Al-Yousuf/Puckett)  
MAP Goals and Percentiles Reviewed by Grade Level for Winter testing  
Board requests year-over-year numbers when data is provided



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- Attendance Data (Sharma and Smith)- August- January numbers  
Monthly Percentages presented
- Culture Data (Sharma and Smith)- August-January numbers  
Suspension Data Reported  
Board requested a presentation that is focused on insight instead of data- to present the information clearly so that interpretation is not needed to understand the basic data being presented
- High School Placement (Sharma)  
Rockford Lutheran testing taking place this week & next
- Northwestern Placement (Sharma/Smith)  
Initial meeting held for 11 families, will continue conversations
- Project Passport Updates and Funding Needs
  - Africa- Alumni has been selected
  - Costa Rica- Scholars have been selected
  - Utah- still in planning processFundraising is needed for all programs Africa- \$4,000, Costa Rica- \$7,000, Utah- \$3,000
- After School Programming Q3 and Q4 - (Sharma and Smith)  
Highlights
  - UA numbers have increased with the use of the shuttle
  - Male/Female participation in after school programming
- Staffing (Boeddeker)  
Actively recruiting for 2020-21 positions  
Currently need Kindergarten and 6-8 Social Studies
- Any Additional Board Business- Board Training Requirement and Options

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 – May 14, 2020**



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**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Lower Academy- 2605 School Street**

**Don't forget graduation is May 29 at 5:30pm at the Upper Academy!**