

Board Meeting Minutes

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School		Ignite Achievement Academy
Mission & Vision		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>VISION</i></p> <p><i>The Ignite Achievement Academy (IAA) vision is to enhance, engage and elevate the community through unleashing each child's inner genius.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MISSION</i></p> <p><i>The mission of IAA is to provide the community with an accelerated learning institution that propels scholars academically by utilizing a holistic curriculum built upon cultural and community responsiveness, project-based learning and the leading literacy, socio-emotional, and neuroscientific research; thus, providing scholars rich opportunities for enrichment, achievement, and increasing degrees of impact in every field of endeavor.</i></p>
Board Members	<i>3.2 A. The Board is comprised of all essential skill sets and all members are contributing</i>	<p>Roll Call Present: Alicia Ramsey Michael Williams Ramon Morrison Franklin Bennett Todd Finnell</p> <p>Absent: Angela Dabney Kellee Weston</p>
		Total Board Members Serving on Board: 7
School Staff Present		Shy-Quon Ely, Head of School NaTanza Bratcher, Director of Compliance April Hubbard, Business Operations Manager
Members of the Public/Guests Present		
Date		4-20-2023
Call to Order		6:14 p.m.
HeartMath		

Meeting Items

<p>Voting/Actions Taken</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote ○ Morrison made motion to approve; Finnell 2nd ○ Unanimous Approval ● March General Ledger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote ○ Williams made motion to approve; Morrison 2nd ○ Unanimous Approval
<p>Reporting</p>	<p><i>3.1 A. Relentless focus on student academic outcomes</i> <i>3.2 B. Evidence of progress monitoring systems in place</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head of School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dashboard Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ADM for March was at 108. March attendance rate was 90%. ■ Total of 5 out of school suspensions for March. ○ Academic Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Remediation is continuing for scholars who will retake Summer IREAD. The portal opens May 22. ■ There has been a last push and good faith effort to prepare scholars for ILEARN with an increased focus on writing prompts and the technical aspects of testing. ■ Scholars are only testing for an hour per day to eliminate testing fatigue. All testing and make-ups will conclude May 12. ■ During the Academic Committee meeting, the committee focused on the question: How satisfied, if satisfied, is the Board with the academic outcomes to date and what corrective actions have been taken by the school and the Board to ensure the school is on a positive academic trajectory? Corrective actions are in place starting with the monthly academic meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The team will discuss data, innovation, and not only getting students caught up but pushing for proficiency and acceleration. ● The current model will allow students to get caught up and push ahead. ● Previous meetings covered general information. The level of detail discussed in the meetings will be increased going forward. ● Mr. Cassoday is creating baselines and tangible goals for all students, Individual Growth Plans (IGPs). An incentive program is in the works for encouraging students to reach their goals. ● Curriculum will be selected based on how close proficiency predictions are. ● Genius groups are already in place and have provided the opportunity for the school to provide

		<p>remedial support at every grade level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Staff Member of the Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Huynada Khawashki (kindergarten teacher) nominated by NaTanza Bratcher for her brilliance, resilience, and patience. ○ Sp. Education & English Language Learners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Currently there are 17 scholars going through the reevaluation process. There are also 2 new kindergarten scholars being evaluated. ■ There are 12 ELL scholars, with 3 new enrollments in the last two weeks. WIDA Access scores will be available soon. ○ Operation Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The plan for a new campus is still in the works. It will be a smaller operation in partnership with Antioch. The group is currently accepting proposals for architectural services. Meticulous is one of the companies that has been engaged.
Budget/Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checking Account Balance: \$54,876.01 decrease of \$44,672.88 since March ○ Savings Account Balance: \$183,191.21 decrease of \$11,919.61 ○ Escrow Account Balance: \$30,130 ○ Total Bank Balance: \$268,197.22 decrease of \$56,592.19 since March. ● Reimbursements & Deposits received and included in the total bank balance is \$125,732.31 ● Expecting reimbursements in the amount of \$147,494.82. ● Tuition true up payment for April, May, and June will total \$102,352.41. ● ERC Update ● The Business Office followed up with the program to see where the school is in the application process. Found out they are extremely behind with processing.
Chief of Staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Building Leader & Compliance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academics - Covered in School Updates ● Special Education & ELL - Covered in School Updates
Committees	<i>3.1 B. Evidence of committees with clear goals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Committee (tabled) ● Academic Committee (tabled)
Other Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please review current applications to prepare for votes at the next meeting. ○ Bratcher will reach out and invite applicants to the next meeting.
Chair's		

Comments		
Public Comments		
Meeting Adjournment		7:00 p.m. Finnell made motion to adjourn; Morrison 2nd