



**Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018**

- Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm
- Public Comment
 - None
- Review of May 21, 2018 Minutes
 - Minutes approved
- Scholar Presentations
 - 8th Grader Zhaine Tan- discussed Project Passport trip to Costa Rica
 - 7th Grader Renata Cruz- spoke about Model United Nations training (Harvard)
- Recap of Summer Programming DC, NIU, NU, Costa Rica (Sharma)
 - 10 scholars received full scholarships to NU weekend program
 - 12 scholars went to NIU- stayed overnight for STEM Camp
 - 5 scholars went to the NU summer program
 - Costa Rica was extended by one day and increased from six to eight scholars
- Summer School Report (Instructors Katie Kennedy and Katie Hanrahan)
 - 11 Fellows (current college students)
 - Some scholars (full data not available) had increased scores over the summer (Spring to Fall)
- Bright Spots (Admin Team- Puckett, Al-Yousuf, Smith, Sharma)
 - Puckett- Starting after school academy on Monday (earlier than last year)
 - Al-Yousuf- August PD focus on equity, seeing a difference in relationships
 - Smith- Noticing more usage in Kickboard
 - Sharma- 27 total scholars participated in special summer programming
- After School Programming (Sharma and Smith)
 - Many different offerings: Choir, Instrumentals, Dance, Model UN, Cross Country, Girl Scouts, Horseback Riding (I & II), GREEN Team, Art Club, Soccer
- Staffing Report (Boeddeker)
 - Hiring for an additional ELA instructor and a Building Support Specialist
- Enrollment Report (Puckett)
 - Goal was 360
 - Reduced the goal based on only one 7th and one 8th grade class
 - Still waitlists at K, 1st, and 3rd
- Financial Update (Lane)
 - Financials Reviewed
- Capital Projects (Lane)
 - Review of projects completed this summer (windows, roof, abatement and parking lot lights)
 - Projected projects for next two years reviewed
- High School Scholarships (Lane)
 - 4 Freshman receiving scholarships from Rockford Lutheran



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- Initial MAP Data (Al-Yousuf and Puckett)
 - Key Data points reviewed- full data will be sent to the board
- Attendance Data (Sharma and Smith)
 - Data Reviewed
- Culture Data (Sharma and Smith)
 - Data Reviewed
- Re-Chartering Update (Lane)
 - Documents submitted per contract but no other information about process yet.
- Fundraising Needs (Lane)
 - Summer Programming- Model UN (\$19,000)

The next board meeting is 5:30pm, November 29, at the Lower Academy

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Core Values of Galapagos: Grit Drive Growth Mindset