

Board Meeting Minutes

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School		Ignite Achievement Academy	
Mission & Vision		VISION	MISSION
		<i>The Ignite Achievement Academy (IAA) vision is to enhance, engage and elevate the community through unleashing each child's inner genius.</i>	<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>
Board Members	<i>3.2 A. The Board is comprised of all essential skill sets and all members are contributing</i>	Roll Call	Absent:
		Present: Angela Dabney Alicia Ramsey Todd Finnell Michael Williams (virtual via Teams)	Ramon Morrison
		Total Board Members Serving on Board: 5	
School Staff Present		Shy-Quon Ely, Head of School Nadia Miller, Chief of Operations NaTanza Bratcher, Director of School Compliance	
Members of the Public/Guests Present			
Date		12-7-2022	
Call to Order		6:40 p.m.	

HeartMath		
Meeting Items		
Voting/Actions Taken		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion to approve made by Finnell, 2nd by Ramsey ■ Unanimous Approval ● October General Ledger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion to approve made by Williams ■ Dabney - Aye ■ Finnell- Aye ■ Ramsey - Aye
Reporting	<p><i>3.1 A. Relentless focus on student academic outcomes</i></p> <p><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"> ○ General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NWEA Testing is concluding this week. So far, the results look promising especially for the cohort of PreK and Kindergarten students. They are currently testing at the 99th percentile in the country. Some of the students are being retested to gauge the accuracy of the results. There are students who have already met their End of the Year goals and several others who have met their Mid Year goals. These results lead to the conclusion that the Genius Groups are highly effective. ■ Enrollment is currently at 78 with 3 pending withdrawals due to two families moving. ■ PBL and Winter Celebration taking place this evening at the school. ■ One of the main school priorities right now is enrollment. The goal is to keep the number of students and class sizes lower than it has been historically. The business office is looking at numbers for enrollment, staffing, and funding to come to an ideal target. ■ School leadership is working on a marketing strategy and in talks with GEO on collaborating and sharing resources to cut costs going into next year. Suggestion to add a marketing committee to the Board to assist with school's marketing needs. ■ Board recruitment is another priority as Board members term out. The school is in need of a robust Board of at least 10 members.
Budget/Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) created The Genius School as a new school, the school has not received Title Funds and no reimbursements have been processed. The school became eligible for Title Funds in December and is expecting the funds to be awarded soon. No

		<p>grant funding to date has been received with the exception of an ESSR reimbursement which was awarded in October. The changes in funding have an impact on the school's financial portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDOE based funding on enrollment of 80 students for The Genius School. The Genius School has asked for there to be an alignment between the IDOE and The Mayor's Office (OEI). • Noted by Dabney, "The school itself has done an excellent job of getting through this financial difficulty because of sound financial management. Without sound financial management, the school would not be able to exist today."
Chief of Staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled
Building Leader & Compliance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled
Committees	<i>3.1 B. Evidence of committees with clear goals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee (tabled) • Academic Committee (tabled)
Additional Notes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Chair's Comments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair is looking forward to completing her term and transitioning to focus on resource development. In addition to welcoming a new chair, the board needs to increase to add new skill sets, broaden community reach and execute our strategic plan, once it is completed. The Chair is optimistic about the future of The Genius School and confident in the efficacy of its model.
Public Comments		
Meeting Adjournment		<p>7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Ramsey made motion to adjourn, Finnell 2nd</p>