

Board Meeting Minutes

School		Ignite Achievement Academy	
Mission & Vision		<p>VISION</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>MISSION</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	<p><i>3.2 A. The Board is comprised of all essential skill sets and all members are contributing</i></p>	<p>Roll Call</p> <p>Present: Kellee Weston Michael Williams Todd Finnell Angela Dabney Alicia Ramsey Ramon Morrison</p>	<p>Absent:</p>
		<p>Total Board Members Serving on Board: 7</p>	
School Staff Present		<p>Shy-Quon Ely, Head of School Nadia Miller, Chief of Operations Mark Cassoday, Assistant Principal of Instruction April Hubbard, Business Operations Manager</p>	
Members of the Public/Guests Present			
Date		3-21-2023	

Call to Order		6:07 p.m.
HeartMath		
Meeting Items		
Voting/Actions Taken		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote ○ Morrison made motion to approve; Finnell 2nd ○ Unanimous Approval ● February General Ledger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vote ○ Williams made motion to approve; Ramsey 2nd ○ Unanimous Approval
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"> ○ Dashboard Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ADM for February was at 106. Currently there are 109 students enrolled. ■ February attendance rate was 96%. ■ There was a 6% suspension rate for a total of 8 suspensions last month. The school is still employing restorative practices, but has to resort to suspension for the more egregious behaviors. Parents are being called in for meetings when this happens. ○ General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Black History Celebration took place at the end of the month. The scholars did an outstanding job as they performed a dance routine they had been working on and also a martial arts demonstration. They sang and recited poems as part of the program as well. This was the best event that has taken place this school year with 184 people attending. There was amazing support and positive feedback from the families who attended. TGS held an after action meeting, as they do following every event, to identify what went well and where there are opportunities to improve and maintain parent engagement. It was determined that the programming and logistics for Black History Program set the frame for all future events. ■ Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place on March 24.
Budget/Finance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Checking Account Balance: \$99,548.59 increase of \$44,608.81 since February ● Savings Account Balance: \$195,110.82 decrease of \$44,365.44 ● Escrow Account Balance: \$30,130 ● Total Bank Balance: \$324,789.21 243.37 decrease of \$138,182.15 since January.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reimbursements & Deposits received and included in the total bank balance is \$112,177.39. ● Expecting deposits in the amount of \$164,732.74.
Chief of Staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Building Leader & Compliance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IREAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IREAD testing is complete. The results are embargoed and have not been officially released. TGS is on track for the end of year goal. ○ ILEARN Prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There are 16 school days until ILEARN. Formative Assessments will be administered for all geniuses in grades 3 through 6 next week to get more accurate data points identifying what areas need to be focused on leading up to ILEARN. ○ Staff Member of the Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NaTanza Bratcher was nominated staff member of the month for March by Ms. Harris. She says that she is extremely supportive of teachers and staff and does a great job as proxy for Mr. Ely and Ms. Miller. She is willing to jump in and do whatever is needed. ● Special Education & ELL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WIDA testing is complete and the school is awaiting results. There is a 6th grader who is new to the states who has been added to the roster for a total of 9 EL students. ○ Sp. Ed. Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There are currently 13 scholars (12%) receiving special education services; There is one 3rd grader and one 6th grader undergoing evaluation. There are 3 additional scholars up for re-evaluations.
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 Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Alicia Ramsey for Chair ○ Todd Finnell for Vice Chair ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motion made by Morrison to approve both nominees for the proposed positions and to transition them into these positions as soon as possible. Williams 2nd with a unanimous approval from the Board. ● Teacher Appreciation Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ramsey will work with Mr. Cassoday to coordinate activities for the staff.

Chair's Comments		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I have enjoyed being your Board Chair. It's been great. You were so supportive and so wonderful, and so brave. It's been a really incredible and joyful experience to be here. I think this is a great school and I think it deserves great people, so hang in there because I know it's going to have great things in the future. I am thrilled as Dr. Ramsey takes over and takes us to the next level."
Public Comments		
Meeting Adjournment		6:51 p.m.