



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board of Trustees Newsletter #11 – 12.08.2022

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The Accelerated Board of Trustees is the governing body for The Accelerated Schools (ACES/TAS/WAHS)

### Board Members

Leonard Rabinowitz, *Board President*  
Peter B Morrison, *Vice President*

Larry Picus, *Trustee*  
Elisabeth Weiss, *Trustee*

Binti Yost, *Trustee*

The Accelerated Schools held the Annual and Regular Board Meetings on Thursday, October 27, 2022, by teleconference pursuant to AB 361. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

## Board President Comments

President Rabinowitz thanked board members for their commitment and continued service as board members for a year. Board members volunteer their service, and he is grateful for their dedication to another year.

He also thanked board members for their work in preparing for each board meeting as this makes meetings quick and efficient.

## Items approved:

- Board Members for 23-24
- Board Committee and Committee Members for 23-24
- Compliance Monitoring & Certification of Board Compliance Review 2022-2023 for TAS/ACES/WAHS
- ARC Amendment for WAHS
- ProCare Therapy Agreement for special education services TAS/ACES/WAHS.
- The Cruz Center Agreement for special education services TAS/ACES/WAHS

## 2023 Board Members

- Leonard Rabinowitz, Board President
- Peter Morrison, Board Vice President
- Elizabeth Weiss, Trustee
- Binti Yost, Trustee
- Larry Picus, Trustee

## A MESSAGE FROM CEO-Grace Lee-Chang

Dear Parents and Families:

I'm pleased to share that the TAS Board of Trustees recently approved a new **Arts and Music Grant**. This grant will support additional arts, music, and movement programs benefitting all our students starting in 2023.

From our founding, TAS has held the belief that we should treat every child as gifted, allowing our scholars to hone their talents and interests in every area – including the arts, music, and dance.

Thanks to this grant, students will benefit from new digital film and media equipment, learn new musical instruments for school such as flute, clarinet, trombone, saxophone, lessons with guest artists, and additional field trips to arts, music, and cultural institutions. Additionally, the funding will support new university partnerships that will allow our WAHS 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to access college-level courses and material and receive college credit.

TAS students are already making waves for their artistic and musical talents, with several students recently receiving prestigious scholarships to the Colburn School of Music. We are proud to provide our scholars with a holistic education that fosters bright, well-rounded students who have the confidence to pursue their passions.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents and families who attended TAS Elementary's on-campus performance of The Nutcracker! It was a joy watching the students learn and prepare for the performance, and our TAS performers were overjoyed to see you in the audience supporting them.

Thank you for your continued partnership.



## CEO's comments

- a. CEO provided a training on board governance, structure and committee work.
- b. Update on AB 361 – Governor's State of Emergency Declaration. CEO provided an update that CA Governor may rescind or expire AB361's state of emergency declaration in January 2023



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- c. CEO provided a training on brown act and brown act’s virtual board meeting regulations.
- d. CEO thanked Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators for a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2022. She especially thanked teachers of the C3 and District and Site Professional Development Committee(s). A special thanks to Mr. Laramie Banks at TAS Middle School for engaging his class with USC’s Viterbi School and Engineering and Professor Weiss on a collaborative sustainability project. She thanked external partner P. Reyes and his interpreting service for a job well done during the WAHS Parent/Teacher conferences. WAHS teachers were very appreciative for this quality service provided and look forward to the same collaboration during second semester WAHS Parent/Teacher conference.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS



- Academic Excellence Committee: Elizabeth Weiss, Committee Chair shared that it has been a delight to collaborate with TAS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. TAS Middle School students and USC’s Viterbi School of Engineering students had great fun collaborating on a joint sustainability project for our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor TAS Garden.
- Finance Committee: Stephen Dickinson, Committee Chair and Chief Business Officer shared updates on the Learning Recovery Block Grant and the Arts and Music Grant. These two grants will have great impact in our students starting in 2023.
- Audit Committee: Stephen Dickinson, Chief Business Officer, shared discussion from Audit Committee Meeting on Thu. Dec. 1, 2022. Topics discussed were the process of independent audit for 2021-22 and extension filed to LAUSD and State Controller’s Office.

**“December has the clarity, the simplicity, and the silence you need for the best fresh start of your life.”**  
**Vivian Swift**

#### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

**January 26, 2023, at 10:00am**



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