



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board of Trustees Newsletter #4-12.09.2021

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

**Board Members:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leonard Rabinowitz, Board President</li> <li>○ Peter B. Morrison, Vice President</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Larry Picus, Trustee</li> <li>○ John W. Ward, Trustee</li> <li>○ Elisabeth Weiss, Trustee</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Binti Yost, Trustee</li> <li>○ Scott, Yetter, Trustee</li> </ul> |
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The Accelerate School held an annual meeting at 9:00am and a Regular Board Meeting at 10:00am on Thursday, December 9, 2021, by teleconference pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

### New Staff Member Introductions

Kimberly Sheehan, Director of Operations comes to TAS with over 20 years' experience in public education at Elementary, Middle and High school levels. She led schools to innovation through Elementary Coding and Dual Language Immersion programs. She is currently a USC doctoral student.

Carlos Garcia, is our new Director of Technology. He has experience working in technology for both public schools and private sector. He started his career in education as a teacher.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As the holiday season approaches, I share *The Happiness Advantage* by Shawn Achor with you. His book debunks the myth that you are happier simply because you are successful. Rather, you're more successful because you are happier. Our school community working and having fun together during the past few weeks reminded me that a way to achieve success as an organization is to practice habits that lead to happiness, not sacrifice happiness to achieve success.

- Optimistic salespeople outsell their pessimistic counterparts by 56%
- Doctors in a positive state make an accurate diagnosis 19% faster
- Students that feel happy prior to a math test outperform their peers

There are 3 habits can us help fuel happiness are to:

- Make a list of what you are thankful for daily
- Daily meditation
- practicing random acts of kindness. Random acts of kindness don't need to involve expensive gifts. They can involve kind gestures, words, acts of service, etc.

We'll never know how much an act of kindness can help another. What's amazing is that kindness is contagious and can fuel not only another person's happiness but yours as well.

Let's work towards a strong and positive ending for 2021, one that's enveloped in kindness towards each other and our students.

Happy Hannukah!

Humbly,  
Grace



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### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Every December, the board meets to review the officers for next year and the committees that they will serve. This year, the board voted to continue their service in the following capacity.

1. Board President Rabinowitz reviewed the current officers.

President – Leonard Rabinowitz  
 Vice President – Peter Morrison, Esq.  
 Secretary – Lenita Lugo, M.Ed.  
 Treasurer/CFO – Vincent Shih

2. Board Committee Members: Board President Rabinowitz reviewed the current officers.

Audit Committee: Leonard Rabinowitz, Chair & Binti Yost, CPA, Vincent Shih, CFO  
 Academic Excellence Committee: Elisabeth Weiss, Ph.D, Chair, Lenita Lugo, M.Ed., and Leonard Rabinowitz  
 Finance Committee: Larry Picus, Ph.D, Chair, Binti Yost, CPA, Vincent Shih, CFO, and Leonard Rabinowitz  
 Governance Committee: Leonard Rabinowitz, Chair, Peter Morrison and Grace Lee-Chang  
 Nominations Committee: Binti Yost, CPA, Chair and Leonard Rabinowitz  
 Parent Advisory Committee: Scott Yetter

### Items approved:

- Contract for Payroll Services Agreement with ExEd
- TAS Certification of Signature
- Revision to EL Master Plan: ACES, TAS, and WAHS
- Educator Effectiveness Fund Plan: ACES, TAS, and WAHS. (New funding source to improve teacher professional learning)
- Board Certification of LAUSD’S Compliance Monitoring: ACES, TAS, and WAHS.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2022

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

- Nelson Mandela

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