



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board of Trustees Newsletter #14 -- 6.22.2023

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

The Accelerated Schools held Board Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at The Accelerated School's MPR. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

Board President Comments

Board president shared a recent publication that cited charter schools fared much better than public schools. He is encouraged by this and is proud that TAS is well-positioned for success next year.

Items approved:

1. Revised Fiscal Policies & Procedures for ACES/TAS/WAHS
2. Approval of Certa Pro Contract for ACES Painting Project for ACES
3. Approval of Paper Contract for Tutoring Services for ACES/TAS/WAHS
4. Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plans 2023-24 for ACES/TAS/WAHS
5. Approval of Personnel Policy Handbook 2023-24
6. Approval of Revised Educator Effectiveness Grant for ACES/TAS/WAHS
7. Approval of St. Stephen's Church Lease for TAS2 Facilities for TAS
8. 2023-24 Title I LEA Parent Policy for ACES/TAS/WAHS
9. 2023-24 Title I Parent Compact Agreement for ACES/TAS/WAHS]
10. 2023-24 Uniform Complaint Policies and Procedures ACE/TAS/WAHS

A MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER Elisabeth Arnold Weiss



TAS holds a very special place in my heart and life experience! I first connected with ACES former principal Susan Raudry in 2009 through a community-engaged project designed to make a positive social impact with engineering. I loved the relentless optimism, the persistent vision, and the forward momentum of TAS.

These projects resulted in numerous school improvements and successful grants, from a safe pick up/drop off system, to playground design, to after-school robotics and coding programs, to the school spirit colors of blue and gold we see today. Our enduring collaboration is strong and generative.

In fall 2022 and spring 2023, we collaborated with Mr. Laramie Banks and his 8th-grade science class this semester, approximately 50 USC students visited TAS to gather details about the garden beds, learn about the science curriculum and class, and socialize with students in the MPR.

To culminate the projects, each semester approximately 40 TAS students and staff visited USC, where they enjoyed a STEM-focused campus tour highlighting sustainability efforts at the university, met our student co-chair of President Folt's working group on sustainability, had lunch with college students at the busy cafes of Tutor campus center, took pictures at Tommy Trojan, and gathered in a college seminar room to hear final presentations from our student teams as they unveiled their sustainable garden design proposals.

I am passionate about education and deeply committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I believe in TAS and its young people because they have the power to change the world and to create a brighter future for everyone.



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CEO's Comment and Report

1. CEO reviewed how ACES/TAS/WAHS are working toward TAS Mission and Vision ensuring all students are prepared for success in college and in a career of their choice. She thanked everyone for getting our students past the finish line this academic year for an amazing end-of-year culmination and graduations. Thank you to all parents for your partnership!

2. CEO shared highlights from WAHS End-of-Year Graduation Parade and Commencement. These are the days our entire community, from our cafeteria staff to our campus supervisors, demonstrate that we acknowledge and celebrate our graduates. Board Member Morrison, led Graduation Parade as Parade Marshall from TAS/WAHS Gym all the way to ACES. Board Member Yost confirmed WAHS Graduating Class of 2023.

3. Parents-First Day of School is Monday, August 14, 2023. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to a new school year!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Our first day of school is Monday, August 14, 2023

- **ACES:** Classes start at 8:00 am
- **TAS K-5:** Classes start at 8:00 am
- **TAS 6th - 8th:** Classes start at 8:00 am
- **WAHS:** Classes start at 8:30 am

“One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.” —
Jeannette Walls

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The Accelerated Schools
Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
4000 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Accelerated Charter Elementary School
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Los Angeles, CA 90037
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The Accelerated School
4000 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037
Office (323) 235-6343 ● Fax (323) 235-6346

TAS 2
119 E. 37th Street (Grades TK-K)
Los Angeles, CA 90011
Office (323) 985-6369 ● Fax (323) 235-6346

Wallis Annenberg High School
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