



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board of Trustees Newsletter #7 – 06.09.2022

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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 Accelerated School held a regular board meeting at 10:00am on Thursday, June 9, 2022, by teleconference pursuant to AB361. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

### Board President Comments

1. Thanked Board Members for their volunteer service.
2. Thanked S. Yetter for his years of service as a Board member. S. Yetter will be resigned from the board after the June 23, 2022, meeting.
3. Shared his concern on the rise of deaths due to fentanyl consumption
4. Addressed importance of school security due to recent violence in schools.

### Several Contract Items approved, including:

1. Contract for After School Program with ARC
2. Contract for Outdoor Seating for Students at TAS/WAHS

### A MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBER

#### Larry Picus



I have been a professor at the USC Rossier School of Education for 34 years. My research and teaching focuses on school finance, public budgeting and resource allocation in schools. I am the co-developer of the “Evidence-Based” model of school finance. This model is used in over 25 states to estimate the level of resources schools need to ensure all of their students have the resources they need to meet state performance standards and to graduate college and workforce ready.

I joined the Board of the Accelerated Schools in December 2018, and it is my hope that I am able to use the knowledge and skills I have developed to help find ways to ensure the School meets the needs of all of its students. It is my hope that the Accelerated Schools will continue to be a leader in demonstrating that all children can learn and succeed at high levels and that our schools will continue to be a leading example in Los Angeles and the Charter School Community on how to accomplish this ambitious goal.



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**CEO’s comments:**

- Thanked teachers, staff, faculty, and parents for a strong finish to 2021-22 school year which was challenging and unusual.
- CEO shared end year photos and highlights including Kindergarten culminations, ACES 6<sup>th</sup> Grade culmination and WAHS Graduation. She thanked all for a first Graduation Walk in which the entire TAS community cheered on our graduates to college. A big thanks to Ms. Sheehan for coordinating this event.
  - One of the student graduation speakers was Alondra Valerie Tinoco Laguna who is WAHS ASB President. She shared an inspiring message of gratitude, and perseverance for helping students overcome four challenging years and excel academically to college.
- CEO thanked Board of Trustees for their time, including approving a contract with USC Annenberg School of Communication to provide WAHS students opportunity to a college program that focused on soft skills such as adaptability, empathy, innovation, and perseverance. Thank you to WAHS parents who participated in parent orientation and final day’s culmination events.
- CEO provided school safety updates.
- CEO introduced new Chief Business Officer (CBO) S. Dickinson.

**“It doesn’t matter how strong your opinions are. If you don’t use your power for positive change, you are indeed part of the problem”**

**-Coretta Scott King**

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

**June 23, 2022**

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