

**ISU Laboratory Schools
Laboratory Schools Advisory Council
University High School, Library
January 14, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**
Zoom Link: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/93037439346>

LSAC Members

Liz Austin (end term 2026)
Megan Bozarth (end term 2026)
Christine Chiodo (end term 2027)
Meredith Diaz (end term 2025)
Mike Jones (end term 2026)
Heather Marshall (end term 2025)
Kathy Murdoch (end term 2027)
Ryan Scritchlow (end term 2027)
Jeremy Wilcox (end term 2025)

Tim King, Booster Representative
Lyndsey Carney, PTO Representative
Katherine Smith, Faculty Representative
Andy Goveia, Faculty Representative
Antonio Causarano, ISU Representative
Anthony Jones, Director

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- I. Call to Order @ 6:04pm**
- II. Roll Call**
- A. Present-** Dr. Anthony Jones, Jeremy Wilcox, Antonio Causarano, Christine Chiodo, Katherine Smith, Heather Marshall, Megan Bozarth, Meredith Diaz, Kathy Murdoch, Liz Austin, Mike Jones
 - B. Absent-** Andy Goveia, Tim King
- III. LSAC Purpose**
- A. To assist the superintendent in maintaining a viable relationship between the Illinois State University Laboratory Schools and the University, community, and State regulatory systems
 - B. To provide recommendations regarding both short- and long-term goals of the Laboratory Schools
 - C. To promote parent and community representation on committees as determined by the superintendent
 - D. To provide a liaison between the administration, faculty, and parents of students attending the Laboratory Schools
- IV. Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting**
- A. Discussion
 - B. Approval of Prior [Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2024](#)
 - 1. Passed, 1 abstain
- V. Announcements**
- A. No School: MLK: January 20th
 - B. Open Houses: U-High – January 29th at 5:30 pm; Metcalf – February 13th at 6 pm
 - C. Admissions applications & Any updates: February 1-28
 - 1. Uhigh - the website has been newly updated, check out the admission tab to see added information. The HS committee reads and reviews each application; they are anonymous applications. Any discipline info is only viewable by the administrators. There is still no application fees.
 - 2. Metcalf- Dr. Bergman will be going a different route for admissions. We don't want it to appear we are trying to "sell" the lab schools, but highlight the great things. Working on updating the admission process to modernize the process. The admins are working on clarifying 8th graders are a part of the lab schools, so Metcalf and the lab schools are one. This means that unless there is a major problem Metcalf students will be admitted to UHigh. All 8th graders will write the essay prompt because it is good practice and preparation for the students, allows the same experience for all incoming students. More

clarification will be shared at the Open House by Dr. Bergman. Student ambassadors will be very helpful at the Open House event.

- D. Next Family Forum: Monday, February 24th at Metcalf's Imaginarium, 7-8pm
 - 1. Dr. Jones would like to invite school psych and social workers to have conversations around mental health and responding to student needs in the buildings. Last meeting there was a lot of questions related to that topic.
- E. Birds Give Back: February 24th, 2025
 - 1. each school's "asks" are TBD

VI. Reports from the Director

- A. President Tarhule lab schools' tour with Brad Frank—Director of Public Affairs and Policy (he is also the advocate for President when he goes to Springfield)
 - 1. Awareness around our Lab School budget. 2 student ambassadors helped with the tour at Metcalf
 - 2. brought to their attention the barriers we face when we have to make decisions, financial, requisition or purchasing
 - 3. facilities/buildings- Metcalf was a topic of discussion in regards to the age of the building, they have many ideas, this will be a topic of discussion at the ISU meetings
 - 4. getting us in contact with leaders in Springfield, bring awareness, has some knowledge about grants out there
- B. The [Anxious Generation](#) book study
 - 1. Yes, many would like to do this and have already purchased the book
 - 2. Can do this on a different night, break up into chunks once a month
 - 3. Discussion and ideas for a book club, do we invite others, discussion of ideas from the book (cell phones)
 - 4. Common vision, common terms a few years back and this book may help with bridging about the common vision clearly defined
 - 5. Discussion about LSAC doing the book study and then hosting the same book study for the lab school community, open it up for all. LSAC wants to discuss the book first, digest, and then design a plan to share with the larger lab school community
 - 6. Cadence- 2xs a month?, send a poll out -MB and HM will work on a schedule, poll, topics for discussions
- C. COE SEED grant received- the HS received a grant from ISU
 - 1. Last year- advertisement project at the ISU Alumni Center and on the buses.
 - 2. This year looking at geofencing- ways to reach the community through different ways to advertise.
- D. Vision Statement Update - needs to go back to the original vision team, vision statements, beliefs then Dr. Jones can share out with us.
 - 1. (Draft Vision Statement) As a transformational and recognized leader in public education, the Illinois State University Laboratory School reimagine learning and teaching for a rapidly changing world.
 - 2. Critical Beliefs (6)
- E. Dean Keyser-(College of Engineering) - meeting next week. trying to get a seat at the table to open up opportunities for the Lab Schools
- F. National Association of Lab Schools- Dr. Jones is talking with the org about how we can get more involved, use this group to share, possibly host the annual conference at ISU
 - 1. <https://www.ialslaboratoryschools.org/>

VI. Open Discussion

- A. LSAC Survey- Wrap up
 - 1. next survey needs to go out in February when parent teacher conferences are-this is what we told families
 - 2. parent feedback to LSAC members- liked that it was truly anonymous, more people submitted the survey, our purpose and gives families the opportunity to hear/see what we do

3. we are removing the neutral option for the next survey
4. Dr. Jones when working with the building admins- creating the themes helped the admins review the data they do not see the individual responses

VII. LSAC Meetings for FY 2025

1. **Dates:** February 11th, March 4th, April 8th, May 13th, & July 8th
2. **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm
3. **Location:** UHS Library or via Zoom

VIII. **Next Meeting Date:** February 11th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

IX. **Adjourn @ 7:21 pm**