

ISU Laboratory Schools
Laboratory Schools Advisory Council
University High School, Library
September 9, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Link: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/83882143224>

LSAC Members

Liz Austin (end term 2026)	Liz Kinsella, Booster Representative
Megan Bozarth (end term 2026)	Lyndsey Carney, PTO Representative
Christine Chiodo (end term 2027)	Katherine Smith, Faculty Representative
Meredith Diaz (end term 2028)	Kara Story, Faculty Representative
Christina Doxsie (end term 2028)	TBD, ISU Faculty Representative
Mike Jones (end term 2026)	Anthony Jones, Director
Kathy Murdoch (end term 2027)	
Ryan Scritchlow (end term 2027)	
Andy Shirk (end term 2028)	

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1. **Call to Order @6:06 pm**
 2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present-, Chrisitne Chiodo (V), Meredith Diaz, Mike Jones, Kathy Murdoch, Andy Shirk, Lyndsey Carney, Liz Kinsella, Anthony Jones, Katherine Smith, Kara Story, Megan Bozarth, Christina Doxsie
 - b. Absent- Liz Austin, Ryan Scritchlow
 3. **LSAC Purpose**
 - a. To assist the director 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 director
 - d. To provide a liaison between the administration, faculty, and parents of students attending the Laboratory Schools
 - e.
 4. **Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting**
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Approval of Prior [Regular Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2025](#)
 - i. MSP Jones/Shirk(U)
 5. **Announcements**
 - a. PTO updates
 - i. Membership Toolkit is updated and ready to go
 - ii. Discussion about teaming and the flexible Fridays
 - iii. Family Social last Friday was good
 - iv. Oct 8 Walk to School
 - v. October 30 Trunk or Treat.

- vi. Question/concern about only having 4 true meetings this year with 2 other “working” meetings that doesn’t allow enough parent, school, admin communication and relationship building
 - 1. Dr. Jones mentioned Dr. Bergman is working on setting up a Metcalf parent forum to allow parents and Dr. Bergman to come together for Metcalf related topics
- b. Boosters updates
 - i. Oct 19 Day of service-working on some sheds around the school that need help, in the spring more projects to come to help build parent community at U-High
 - ii. Booster Meetings- Wednesday’s
 - Sept. 10: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/85832014574>
 - Oct. 15: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/83980802616>
 - Nov. 12: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/83024838001>
 - Dec. 10: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/83312120958>
 - Jan. 14: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/83538297611>
 - Feb. 11: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/87129744130>
 - Apr. 8: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/86805924962>
- c. Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) conference, Springfield September 24th-26th -Pathways to the Future Innovating for the Future- Dr. Jones will attend this conference with local superintendents and admins.
- d. September 30, 2025 U-High Freshmen program tour- follow up from the visit to ASU(Arizona State) invite in to take a look, collaborate, give feedback about our program.
- e. Dean Brian Z- new COE dean has invited his former colleagues at James Madison University to tour on Oct 9-13. He thought that what he saw when toured during his interview process was great and wanted to share with his past colleagues.
- f. Food Drive for the School Street Pantry located on campus- make it a friendly competition between U-High and Metcalf. The winner will get a fun bragging trophy-October 1-20th
- g. Around Sept 19-clothing drive for teacher candidates

6. VI. **Reports from the Director**

- a. Facility Updates- U-High Bleachers and Science Lab Completion
 - i. U-High bleachers-pretty slick-the U-High staff worked on obtaining a grant to help pay for part of it
 - ii. Science lab- it is ALMOST done, has been a nice project and looks amazing
 - iii. Metcalf AC- happy to have that project done
 - iv. Metcalf Playground- done pretty quick
 - v. Building Cameras- installed to address security concerns
 - vi. Building security entrance at HILIA- this will be a project on the list

- vii. Bloomington career academy- 15-20 students going over there, need to talk about more at U-High to give our students exposure to those classes and services, the students attending seem to really enjoy the space
- b. Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) Tour & Meeting, September 24th
 - i. Dr. Jones will tour their facility and will invite them to come visit our Laboratory Schools
- c. [COE Statewide Standards](#)
 - i. Highlights the lab schools and a few of our faculty associates
- d. Spring Survey- Dr. Jones sent the survey results and action items, Dr. Jones mentioned he received feedback to share out what was the participation or feedback rates, need to include some positives in the next feedback
 - i. Take more time after the next survey to not only address the current goals, but actions we have taken as a result of past surveys
 - ii. Can LSAC help? We are there to advise
- e. Lab Schools Enrollment numbers- Dr. Jones just received the numbers today and he will get us the numbers next meeting , still missing free and reduced, and Dr. Jones wants to review the numbers first
 - i. Reviewing the gender #s, some grades look quite unbalanced
 - 1. Discussion about gender balance in grades-does it matter, what are the grades doing, admissions discussion
 - a. KS states it matters alot and they take a lot of time to try and balance the classes in the early level grades
 - b. Q-What is the academic reason to try and keep the gender numbers balanced?
 - c. Q- Does the faculty/staff admission of children extend to all staff?
 - i. Yes as long as Dr. Jones has been here
 - ii. HILIA and Preschool are not included in the list usually

7. Open Discussion

- a. Family Forums & Lab Schools Address?
 - i. Dates, Structures, times, etc
 - ii. Lab schools address-
 - iii. Family forum-
- b. ISU Homecoming- (Raise the Banner)
 - i. What will our participation be as the Laboratory Schools?
 - 1. Still looking into and determining
 - ii. Door decorating- the administrators are planning out what they are going to do
 - 1. Suggestion to bring in the students to team and decorate together
 - iii. Parade- still determining the participation-suggestion to borrow a tram at the ISU Farms-call the farm manager. Could store at the alum association parking lot?
- c. U-High Alum Association-

- i. Q-What is going on with this, is it still October 10?
 - 1. Yes, they will send a letter to the alum about a dinner
- d. The facility fees are going up to use ISU
 - i. Rumored that ISU is charging \$20,000 to use the football facility
 - ii. Dr. Jones began the conversation a year and half ago. We are a part of the university and we should pay our dues, we should be able to have some discount because we are a part of ISU
 - iii. The ISU AD gave her report of the state of the athletic facilities and around the nation- the fees have gone up for them as well, NIL lawsuit that ISU is now having to pay \$500,000 year for 10 years,

8. LSAC Meetings for FY 2025

- i. **Dates:** October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, **March 17**, April 14, May 12
- ii. **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- iii. **Location:** UHS Library or via Zoom

9. Next Meeting Date: October 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

10. Adjourn MSP Jones/Diaz (U)