



# International Academy

Creating responsible youth empowered to improve their families, community and world



*featuring a rigorous academic curriculum with special emphasis on*

Arts ❖ Humanities ❖ Technology ❖ Cultural Exchange

# Who Are We?

- **Governing Board**

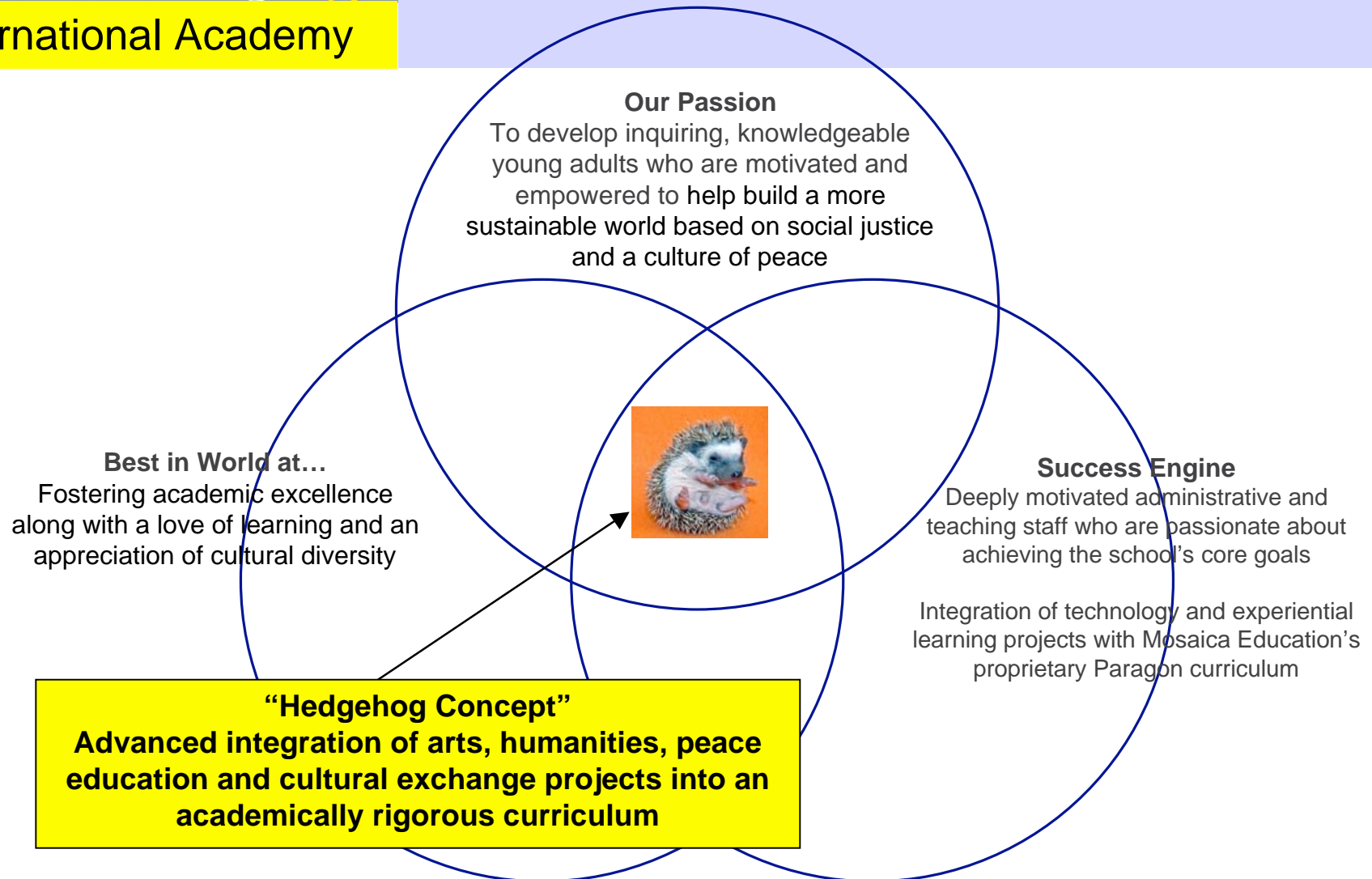
- Jeannette Kravitz\* / Executive Director, SponsorKids Peace Journey
- Scott Roos\* / VP Product Design, Juno Lighting Group
- Annette Faber / Community Arts and Youth Program Developer
- Dr. Vicki Gunther / Retired Superintendent, Skokie District 73.5
- Allan Mueller / Mosaica Education, Dir. Business Development
- Dr. Roberta Taylor / Superintendent Schiller Park, District 81
- 2 Members from the Community, TBD
- Attorney, TBD

- **Principal**

- Kristie Langebehn

\* Founders

# Overview



## Who Are Our Students?

- **Diversity is key to teaching our core principles of cultural understanding and tolerance**
  - Student population to reflect ethnic, racial & socio-economic diversity of the community
  - Targeting 50% of students to be from low income families
    - Including displaced residents seeking to return
- **Grades Served**
  - Fall 2008: Pre-K through Grade 5
  - 2010: Grades 6-8
  - 2013: High School

## Why Cabrini Green?

- Community leaders believe a new, high performing school that mirrors the diversity of the evolving community is needed
- Federal Court Consent Decree & Returning Public Housing Program mandate 30% of new housing be for “needy & poor” families
  - 3000 new housing units by 2015
    - 800 by 2010
    - 900 more by 2012

# Why Peace Journey?

- School is an extension of the not-for-profit company Peace Journey founded by Jeannette Kravitz in 2000.
- Peace Journey sends students on cultural exploration trips to select foreign countries to do service projects and experience the beauty of our differences.
- Youth develop a heart for community involvement and become motivated to map new ways to respect diverse cultures and advance our chance for a more peaceful and caring world.



- Peace Journey selected Mosaica to manage our school.
- Mosaica is a leading private operator of K-12 public schools nationally, with an international focus.
- There are over 90 Mosaica-managed schools in the US which combine the proprietary Paragon® curriculum with state-of-the-art technology and sound fiscal practices to yield superior academic and financial results.

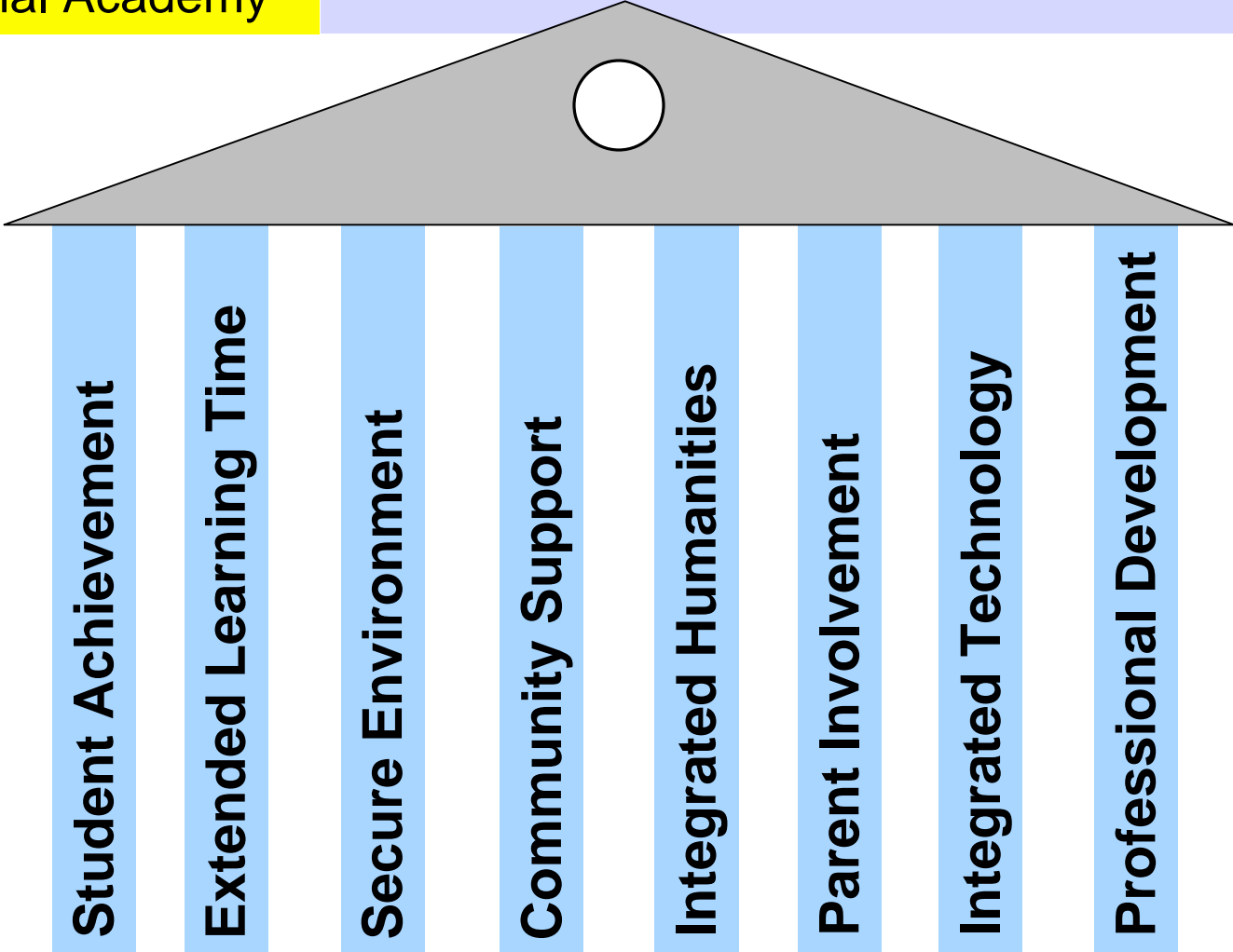
- Interdisciplinary, discovery-based, student centered multi-cultural program replaces traditional social studies curriculum.
- Chronological approach demonstrates how one idea builds on and evolves into another, enhancing understanding of the evolution of world cultures.
- Students learn about character, ethics, empathy and self-esteem by walking in the shoes of heroes and great historical figures.
- Paragon looks to the past to prepare students to become the leaders of tomorrow.

- The curriculum cultivates:
  - Decision making, problem solving & critical/creative thinking
  - Self-direction and personal initiative
  - Interactive skills such as cooperation, networking & teamwork
  - Multiple intelligences
  - Responsibility for learning, goal setting, gathering information and implementing a plan
  - A sense of awe and passion for inquiry
  - An understanding of cultural, philosophical and technological connections over time and place.

## Cultural Exchange Programs

- Exchange and service learning projects with students from other cultures integrated into the curriculum
  - With people in the Chicagoland area
  - Via web-enabled technology in US and International cities
  - Culminating in an International Peace Journey service trip in grade 8 or 9.

# Operational Pillars



# Community Support

- Alderman Walter Burnett
- Reverend Walter Johnson, Wayman AME Church
- Cynthia Bathurst, 18<sup>th</sup> District Advisory Committee and CAPs Chairperson
- Calvin Holmes, Exec. Dir. Chicago Community Loan Fund
- Kelvin Strong, Exec. Dir. Near North Development Corp.
- Jesse White, Secretary of State
- Congressmen Danny Davis, Bobby Rush, & Luis Gutierrez

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## Additional Supporters

- Martin Koldyke
  - Founder and current Chair of the Academy for Urban School Leadership and founder of Golden Apple Awards
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- East Bank Club
- Peak Performance Health Care
- North Bank

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