

Thomas MacLaren State Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2022
Minutes

Approved

The meeting took place in Room #314 at Thomas MacLaren School, 1702 N. Murray Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

- I. **Call to Order:** Ms. Parsons called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
 - A. **Roll Call:** Present: Ms. Diane Borre, Mrs. Kristine Prickett Vadala, Mrs. Carol Neel, Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Meredith Wardwell Sherman, and Mrs. Dawn Conley. Also present were Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Mr. Nico Alvarado, Head of Lower School, Mr. Benjamin LaBadie, Head of Upper School, Mr. Jared Gonzalez, Assistant Head of Lower School, Ms. Katie Maslow, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mrs. Lori Richardson, Director of Finance, Mrs. Joy Oram, Director of Community Engagement, Mrs. Rebecca Watts, Communications and Marketing Specialist, Deanna Finch, Assistant to the Director of Operations, and Mr. Eric Hall, Founder.
 - B. **Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Sherman motioned. Mr. von Boeck seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - C. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Borre motioned. Mrs. Conley seconded. Unanimous approval of the December meeting minutes.

- II. **Policy Review and Accountability**
 - A. **Strategic Plan 2021-22:** Mrs. Sherman motioned to approve the amendments to the Strategic Plan. Mr. von Boeck seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - B. **Approval of Revised 2021-2022 Budget:** Moved to discussion under Finance Committee Report.
 - C. **Conflict of Interest:** Forms for signature will be sent via Adobe Sign before the next meeting.

- III. **Board Training**
 - A. **Liberal Arts Traditions:** Mrs. Neel presented an introduction to the Liberal Arts using a 12th century diagram from the book *The Garden of Delights*. She proposed further Board training in light of the conversation that followed.

- IV. **Student Performance**
 - A. **Project Week/Project Days:** Mr. LaBadie presented an overview of Upper School Project Week, including sample projects and reports. Ms. Maslow elaborated on

the 10th and 12th grade Mathematics projects. Mr. Alvarado shared images and stories from Lower School Project Days.

V. Status Reports

- A. Executive Director:** Mrs. Hall reported on the All Staff Holiday Party at The Pinery, which was a great morale booster for the staff. She also shared personnel changes: Katherine Brophy, Director of Communications, has resigned to spend time with family; Brigitte Mysliwiec, Director of Enrollment, is moving to Northern Virginia; Rebecca Watts has joined the Communications and Marketing team; Joy Oram will now be leading a merged Communications and Enrollment team. The lottery will be held on Monday, 1/31/2022.
- B. Dashboard:** Mrs. Hall noted that there was nothing notable on the Dashboard this month. There were no questions from the Board.
- C. Finance Committee:**
- a. Financials** - Ms. Borre reported that the financials show no significant changes and that all looks in order.
 - b. Approval of Revised 2021-2022 Budget** – Ms. Borre explained that the revised budget aligns to the projections in the financials. She read the resolution:
MOTION: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Thomas MacLaren State Charter School in El Paso County, that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 – In the General Fund \$9,393,827.

Ms. Borre made the motion; Mrs. Conley seconded. Unanimous approval.

VI. Executive Director Annual Review:

- A. Executive Session to consider personnel issues under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)**
Mr. von Boeck motioned to move into Executive Session to consider personnel issues under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f).

Mrs. Sherman seconded. All non-Board members exited the meeting except for Mrs. Hall who was invited to join the Board. Executive Session began at 4:57 p.m.

Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mrs. Sherman at 5:50 p.m.; seconded by Mr. von Boeck. Unanimous approval.

Regular session resumed at 5:50 p.m.

VII. Announcements: There were no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. von Boeck motioned; seconded by Mrs. Wardwell. Board adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca L. Watts, Minutes Recorder

Date