



Thomas MacLaren School
Board of Directors Meeting
February 24, 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:** Mrs. Kristine Prickett Vadala called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
 - A. **Roll Call:** Present: Mrs. Kristine Prickett Vadala, Mrs. Carol Neel, Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Meredith Wardwell Sherman, Ms. Hannah Parsons, and Mrs. Dawn Conley. Mrs. Diane Borre was absent. Also present were Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Pam Burrell, Art Lead Teacher, Mariah Ziemer, Art Teacher, Mr. Nico Alvarado, Head of Lower School, Mr. Benjamin LaBadie, Head of Upper School, Katie Maslow, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mrs. Lori Richardson, Director of Finance, Ms. Diane Muñoz, Business Specialist, Mrs. Kari Coleman, Director of Operations, Mrs. Rebecca Watts, Communications and Marketing Specialist, Mrs. Deanna Finch, Assistant to the Director of Operations, Mr. Eric Hall, Founder, and Ms. Ildiko Devai, Community Member.
 - B. **Public Comment:** Ms. Devai entered the Board meeting after it had begun; Ms. Parsons allowed her to address the Board with public comment.
 - C. **Approval of Agenda:** Paul von Boeck motioned. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - D. **Approval of January Minutes:** Mrs. Vadala motioned. Mrs. Conley seconded. Unanimous approval of the January meeting minutes.

- II. **Student Performance**
 - Upper School Art Program:** Mrs. Hall introduced Mrs. Burrell, Art Lead Teacher. Mrs. Burrell then presented to the Board an overview of the Upper School art curriculum.

- III. **Policy Review and Accountability**
 - A. **Approve 2022- 2023 School Year Calendar:** Mrs. Hall explained that there will be separate calendars for the upper and lower schools. Parent teacher conferences for lower school will be moved to the fall. The Upper and Lower Schools will have different start dates to the upcoming year. Mr. von Boeck motioned. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.

- IV. **Board Training**
 - A. **Sunshine Law Refresher:** Mr. Hall gave a presentation on the rules and regulations for Open Meeting Laws and Colorado Open Records Act. He instructed the Board on the meaning of each law and why they are important for the Board. He explained the penalties for not following these laws. He reminded the Board that when there are three

or more members discussing Board business, whether in person or via email, it is considered a meeting of the Board and is subject to Open Meeting Laws and Colorado Open Records Act. Mr. Hall also explained the policy for requesting public records.

At the end of the presentation, Board members asked clarifying questions.

B. Liberal Arts Traditions Intro: Mrs. Neel explained the Thomas MacLaren logo, its underlying principles and concatenations of the Fibonacci number. She explained how it demonstrates numerical relations to the tone of the universe. She then read a passage and explained the importance of leisure in the liberal arts education. There were no follow-up questions.

V. Status Reports

A. E.D. Report: Mrs. Hall reported that this year's Greek class has translated a play that the drama students will perform. Mrs. Hall noted the latest enrollment numbers following the lottery. A few members from the Board asked clarifying questions.

B. Dashboard: Mrs. Hall noted that there are no significant changes in the Dashboard this month.

C. Finance Committee:

- **January Financial Statements:** Ms. Richardson reported that the financials show no significant changes and that all is in order.

VI. Announcements:

A. March Board meeting scheduled for March 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Conley motioned. Mr. von Boeck seconded. Unanimous approval. Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca L. Watts, Minutes Recorder

Date