



**Thomas MacLaren School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 26, 2023  
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:** Mr. von Boeck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
  - A. Roll Call:** *Present:* Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Meredith Wardwell Sherman, Mrs. Khristine Prickett Vadala, Mrs. Diane Borre, Mrs. Carol Neel; Mrs. Dawn Conley arrived shortly after roll call.  
*Also present:* Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Mrs. Lori Richardson, Director of Finance, Mrs. Kari Coleman, Director of Personnel, Mr. Nico Alvarado, Head of Lower School, Ms. Laura Schlicting, Assistant Head of Lower School, Mrs. Laura Hassell, Director of Operations, Mr. Jared Gonzalez, Assistant Head of Lower School, Ms. Katie Maslow, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mr. Ben LaBadie, Head of Upper School, and Mr. Tim Pingel, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mrs. Katherine Brophy, Founder, and Purvi Sittner, Chair of the School Accountability Committee.
  - B. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
  - C. Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Borre motioned. Mrs. Neel seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - D. Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Vadala motioned approval of December minutes. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.
  
- II. Board Training and Development**
  - A. Board nomination:** Mr. von Boeck announced a nomination for Mrs. Brophy to rejoin the Board. There were no questions or discussion. Mrs. Vadala motioned approval. Mrs. Borre seconded. Unanimous approval. Mrs. Brophy was welcomed to the Board.
  
- III. Policy Review and Accountability**
  - A. Review Financial Controls:** Mrs. Richardson presented a review of MacLaren's financial controls including budget management, asset protection, accounting policies, insurance coverage, financial controls, procurement policy and accountability.
    - a. Conflict of Interest signatures:** Mrs. Richardson indicated that Board members will receive a Conflict of Interest document for signature.
  - B. Approve Strategic Plan 2022-23:** The Strategic Plan was approved with minor grammatical changes. Mrs. Vadala motioned approval. Mrs. Conley seconded. Unanimous approval was given.

#### **IV. Student Performance**

##### **A. CARS Report – M.F. Hall**

Mrs. Hall presented an overview of the CARS Report from the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI), the annual review of organizational and fiscal compliance in addition to student achievement data released by the state. MacLaren received the “Performance with Distinction” rating, the highest recognition given by CSI.

Mrs. Hall reviewed student achievement data, indicating data reflects both current achievement and growth over time compared to MacLaren’s local district. Of note, MacLaren shows growth in elementary reading, elementary and middle school math, has a 100% graduation rate, complies with all laws, and is a top 10 performing school in the state.

Several Board members asked some clarifying questions which were answered by Mrs. Hall and Mr. Alvarado.

#### **V. Status Reports**

**A. E.D. Report:** Mrs. Hall reminded the Board that the lottery is scheduled for next week. There were no questions.

**B. Dashboard:** There were no significant changes.

**C. Fundraising & Facility Report:** Mrs. Hall provided an overview of significant facility improvements planned. Mrs. Sherman indicated that the facility committee has prioritized projects towards most pressing needs. Mrs. Vadala highlighted fundraising efforts for facility projects. Mrs. Sherman suggested a ribbon cutting event once new bleachers are installed.

##### **D. Finance Committee**

Mrs. Borre reviewed the December Financial Statements with the Board; she reported that finances are on track, with revenues and expenses tracking close to projections.

#### **VI. E.D. Annual Review**

A. Mrs. Vadala motioned to move to Executive Session to consider personnel issues under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f); Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval. All non-Board members exited the meeting except for Mrs. Hall who was invited to join the Board. Executive session began at 4:38 p.m.

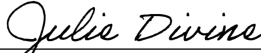
Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mrs. Neel and seconded by Mrs. Conley. Unanimous approval. The Board came out of executive session at 5:50 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 5:50 p.m.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

Mrs. Neel motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Brophy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Julie Divine, Minutes Recorder

February 23, 2023

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Date