



**Thomas MacLaren School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 25, 2022**

*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 4:30 p.m.
  - A. Roll Call:** Present: Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Merideth Wardwell Sherman, Mrs. Khristine Prickett Vadala, and Mrs. Carol Neel. Mrs. Dawn Conley, and Ms. Diane Borre's absences were excused. Also present were Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Mrs. Michele Starcher, Lower School Faculty, Ms. Laura Schlicting, Assistant Head of Lower School, Mrs. Laura Hassell, Director of Operations, Mrs. Kari Coleman, Director of Personnel, Mrs. Rebecca Watts, Communications and Marketing Specialist, Mr. Jared Gonzalez, Assistant Head of Lower School, Ms. Katie Maslow, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mr. Nico Alvarado, Head of Lower School, Mr. Tim Pingel, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mr. Ben LaBadie, Head of Upper School, Mr. Eric Hall, Founder, and Judith Kimbrell, Parent. Mrs. Lori Richardson, Director of Finance, arrived at 5:00 p.m.
  - B. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda with the change of moving Policy Review to follow Student Performance. Mrs. Sherman motioned. Mrs. Vadala seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - C. Approval of July Minutes:** Mrs. Vadala motioned. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.
  
- II. Student Performance**
  - A. Kodály method:** Mrs. Hall introduced Mrs. Starcher who leads MacLaren's Lower School music program. Mrs. Starcher played several videos of current lower school classes. The videos demonstrated the students reading music, singing in pitch, and using different techniques. The Board followed up with some questions of how the Lower School program is impacting the Upper School orchestra program.
  
- III. Policy Review and Accountability**
  - A. Approval of revised Financial Controls:** Mrs. Hall described the rationale for the proposed changes. Mrs. Vadala motioned. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - B. Approval of CHRI Policy:** Mrs. Hall elaborated on new mandatory rules that govern the protection of data for background checks. Mrs. Vadala motioned. Mrs. Sherman seconded. Unanimous approval.

**IV. Board Training**

**A. Liberal Arts:** Mrs. Neel began her presentation with the plan for Board training this fall: an open discussion on the importance of a liberal arts education. She provided the Board with an array of thought-provoking writings on the liberal arts. Mrs. Neel encouraged the Board members to read the articles on their own time and to come back prepared with questions and topics that they would like to discuss in the coming meetings.

**V. Status Reports**

**A. E.D. Report:** Mrs. Hall highlighted the enrollment chart, noting that our enrollment is hovering right around our goal. She mentioned that the numbers for enrollment will continue to change until October 1.

**B. Dashboard:** Mrs. Hall reminded the Board that we do not have audited financials yet; meanwhile, the enrollment populations will continue to shift through October count.

**C. Finance Committee:**

- **July Financial Statements:** Mrs. Richardson reported that financials are on target for this month. She reminded the Board that Thomas MacLaren School is audited every July.

**VI. Announcements**

**A. Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022.

**VII. Adjournment:**

**A. Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. von Boeck adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Rebecca Watts, Minutes Recorder

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Date