



**Thomas MacLaren School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 23, 2023**

**Approved**

The meeting took place in Room #314 at Thomas MacLaren School, 1702 N. Murray Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 809015.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order** Mr. von Boeck called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
- A. Roll Call: *Present:* Mr. Paul von Boeck, Mrs. Diane Borre, Mrs. Katherine Brophy, Mrs. Carol Neel, and Mrs. Kristine Prickett Vadala. Mrs. Meredith Wardwell Sherman and Mrs. Dawn Conley arrived shortly after roll call. *Also present:* Mrs. Mary Faith Hall, Executive Director, Mr. Nico Alvarado, Head of Lower School, Mr. Ben LaBadie, Head of Upper School, Mr. Tim Pingel, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mrs. Bridget Rector, Assistant Head of Upper School, Ms. Katie Maslow, Assistant Head of Upper School, Mr. Jared Gonzalez, Assistant Head of Lower School, Ms. Laura Schlicting, Assistant Head of Lower School, Mr. Eric Hall, Founder, and Mr. Chris Conley.
  - B. Public Comment (3-minute limit): There was no public comment.
  - C. Approval of Agenda: Mr. von Boeck noted that we needed to have Mr. Conley's presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Vadala motioned approval. Mrs. Neel seconded. There was unanimous approval.
  - D. Approval of February Minutes: Mrs. Vadala motioned approval. Mrs. Brophy seconded. There was unanimous approval.
- II. Status Report**
- A. Legislative Report: Mr. Conley gave a presentation on a variety of legislative actions and their potential impact on charter schools. Mrs. Hall offered comments on anticipated effects of those actions on MacLaren. There were no other comments.
  - B. Board Training and Development**
    - A. Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) at MacLaren: Mrs. Hall gave a presentation on the academic and behavioral systems of support provided at MacLaren. The MTSS framework is a team-based effort toward serving all students with varied layers of support, including accommodations, modifications, and interventions. Mr. Alvarado and Ms. Maslow provided examples from their respective areas of responsibility in the Lower and Upper Schools. Mrs. Borre and Mr. von Boeck asked follow-up questions. Mrs. Hall and Mr. Alvarado responded.
  - C. Student Performance**
    - A. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Philosophy, Political Theory, and Economics: Mrs. Hall gave a presentation on the non-literary texts that juniors and seniors study in Humane

Letters classes. As evidence of what students are mastering, she gave examples of oral exam preparation and sample student essays.

**D. Policy Review and Accountability**

- A. Approve Board Resolution Requesting Charter Renewal: Mrs. Borre motioned approval. Mrs. Vadala seconded. There was unanimous approval.
- B. Approve Lower and Upper School Parent-Student Handbooks: Mrs. Hall gave a presentation on Parent-Student Handbooks, highlighting changes from previous versions. Mr. von Boeck motioned to approval. Mrs. Neel seconded. There was unanimous approval.

**E. Status Reports**

- A. Executive Director Report: Mrs. Hall provided an overview of events on the horizon including state assessments, ongoing enrollment, and Spring Break campus improvements. She indicated the team is considering staffing, furniture needs, and team structures for the next school year. Mr. Alvarado provided additional comments on enrollment progress.
- B. Dashboard: There were no comments on the dashboard.
- C. Finance Committee:
  - a. Financials: Mrs. Borre indicated the committee is projecting to end the year in a positive financial position.
  - b. Moving funds to COLOTRUST: Mrs. Borre provided an overview of banking considerations. Mr. von Boeck, Mrs. Brophy, Mrs. Vadala, and Mrs. Sherman asked clarifying questions about banking options to which Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Borre responded. Mrs. Vadala motioned to open a COLOTRUST account. Mrs. Conley seconded. There was unanimous approval. Mrs. Borre indicated the Board will have a document for signature.

**F. Announcements**

- A. April Board meeting scheduled for 4/27/23 at 4:00 p.m.

**G. Adjourn**

Mrs. Vadala motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Brophy seconded. There was unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Julie Divino, Minutes Recorder

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Date