



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc. Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda December 17, 2024

3:30 pm

In-person: 4690 Table Mountain Drive, Suite 100, Golden, CO 80403

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The Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc. will convene.

1. Preliminary.
 - a. Call to order.
 - i. Meeting called to order at 3:32
 - b. Roll Call.
 - i. Gilmartin, Williams, Shanfelt, Warhurst, Gillan (joined at 3:59)
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - d. Read Mission/Vision.
 - e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Williams Second: Gilmartin Motion carried 4-0
2. Reports
 - a. Finance Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott presented the November financial report. Similar trends as we have seen. 122 days cash on hand is the projected yearend.
 - ii. GJ budget is still one to keep an eye on with a high at-risk population and high special education population.
 - iii. Treasure recommended that bank accounts from the schools be reported separately. This will take place moving forward.
 - b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Mrs. Drake reported out about GJ. Winter concerts and holiday events are underway. One of the houses made blankets for patients who need to experience extended stays in the hospital. Final exams for upper school students begin tomorrow. MS Girls basketball is underway. Working with Mrs. Guild to market the school and develop branding. 3 new employees started this week. Working with Sol recruiting to bring in a special educator. Had a well-attended enrollment event this past month with 157 applications already received for the next school year.
 - ii. Dr. Tacoma provided a report for Northern Denver. 3600 items were donated by ACNoDenver to the local food bank. Holiday and athletic events are underway. 1/2 math professional development will be taking place on Jan. 6. Expanded support from Minga is being provided to look at data, understand instructional implementations, and work on the turnaround plan. Enrollment is looking good with multiple grade levels reaching waitlist status.

- iii. Mr. Kramer presented on behalf of Northern Colorado. The CSI board affirmed a 5-year renewal of the charter. Thursday, May 22 will be the school's first graduation. Last week was the school's musical concert week with multiple concerts on multiple days. Enrollment is looking great with 185 total applications.
 - iv. Mr. Jones was not present but his board report was provided in the board book. Mr. Jones joined the meeting and reported on behalf of Douglas County. There are a number of events taking place at the school including concerts, and ballroom dancing recitals. 5 year renewal was approved by the CSI board today. Lottery to take place in January.
 - c. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Update on the fundraising progress was provided by Mr. Scott. Close to engaging with a partner for fundraising efforts. 5 federal grant applications (CSP and Facility Grants) coming soon. An RFP is
 - d. Facilities Report. Mr. Connolly
 - i. Lone Tree Gym
 - ii. NoCo Phase II
 - iii. Grand Junction Phase I
 - iv. Northern Denver Phase I
 - v. Mr. Connolly provided an update on the facility projects taking place. Last week the team met with Lone Tree Planning. Letters will be sent by that organization to solicit feedback. Canvas licensing agreement was shared to negotiate access to the Doug Co facility.
 - vi. Brighton is in negotiations for additional land.
 - vii. 3 modular projects at No CO, No Den., and GJ.
 - viii. New draft drawings for work to be done at No CO.
3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email Stephen.Gilmartin@ascentcolorado.org by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.
4. Consent Agenda.
- a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 11/19/2024 Board Meeting
 - b. Adopt FY26 School Calendars
 - i. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented: Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt. Motion
5. Business
- a. Policy Adoption/CSI Required Amendments
 - i. Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity Policy
 - ii. Sex-based Harassment Investigation Procedures
 - iii. Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Students
 - iv. Grievance Policy

Mr. Franko presented information regarding the process for approving the Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures. The draft policy was provided to the board at the previous working session. This policy

adoption will close the loop on the outstanding submissions for CSI.

Action: Motion to approve the Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Students as presented: Williams, Second: Warhurst. Motion carried: 5-0

b. FY25 Amended Budgets - 1st Viewing

Mr. Scott provided the Amended Budget for the first review with a summary of changes included in the document provided to the board.

c. Executive Calendar/Vacation Discussion

Mr. Franko presented the Executive Calendar/Vacation time proposal. Mr. Franko and the Executive team will review the options further and bring a final recommendation to the board.

d. Fundraising Discussion

Mr. Scott provided information regarding the engagement with multiple groups that may partner with ACACS to raise 10% of funding. A proposal has been submitted and it is Mr. Scott's recommendation that the board consider the group and consider approving the proposal at the next regular board meeting.

6. Adjourn.

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:43: Williams, Second: Gilmartin. Motion carried: 5-0

Vision

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools develop the moral and intellectual skills, habits, and virtues upon which independent, responsible, and joyful lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis for a free and flourishing republic.

Mission

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical, content-rich education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue in an orderly and disciplined environment.