



# ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.  
Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda  
February 27, 2024  
3:30pm**

In person: 4690 Table Mountain Dr. Suite 100, Golden, Colorado  
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Virtual: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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

1. Preliminary.

a. Call to order.

Time: 3:35 PM

b. Roll Call.

Present: SGilmartin, RWilliams, AFuller, EShanfelt Absent: SPEck, RGillan

c. Pledge of Allegiance.

d. Read Mission/Vision.

e. Adopt Agenda.

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented: Gilmartin Second: Shenfelt

Vote: 4-0 Passes

2. Reports

a. Finance Report. (Bond Finance Update, Conflict Statement)

Bond finance report provided by Mr. Bales. Bond financing is sought for critical capital improvements. ACACS looks to close on Bonds in the April '24 timeframe. Bond projects include those listed in the facility report.

Mr. Scott presented the January financial report. Mr. Scott noted the diligence of the Headmasters in being diligent in their mindful and prudent spending.

b. Headmaster Reports.

Headmasters provided updates on activities and happenings at the school locations.

GJ: Building is complete, teachers were given kudos for moving in. Enrollment: Kindergarten is fully enrolled, 4th and 5th are lower enrolled. Parent information nights continue and good word of mouth/foot traffic. GJ enrollment culture is slower than other communities. HM anticipates enrollment to continue throughout the summer.



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DC: DC is in full planning mode, budgets, enrollment, and hiring. Varsity sports wrapped up over the last few weeks, mother-son night out, '80's dance was a success. Fun run will be kicking off in the spring. Peter Pan Theater Production March 7-9. Spring choir concert coming, and a Daddy-daughter dance. House induction will take place in the spring for rising 6th graders. Enrollment and teacher retention are strong for the coming year.

NoCO: Hillsdale conference was a success. It is an encouragement to have a feel that we are not doing this alone. 60 other schools participated. In conversation with 4 candidates from the job fair. Mascot design was unveiled. Archery program is underway, looking to qualify for the state competition. Fine arts student made all-state and will be able to perform and bring the experience back to the students at the school. Spring musical coming.

MOY Literacy scores and MTSS data dive are being conducted. Graduated 34 students from receiving literacy support in the MTSS process.

Enrollment indications include strong intent to return and waitlists are beginning to build. Low turnover rate expected with the staff moving into next year.

NoDenver: Ran lottery on Feb. 5, strong enrollment. 2nd and up and kinder all have waitlists. MOY MAPS testing completed. Analyzing results and planning instruction. Hillsdale conference was a success. Outdoor leadership course to take place in Estes Park. Planning for next year. Budget, space, and hiring. Hillsdale connection produced new candidates with new hires from the job fair.

## c. Facilities Report.

Facility report was shared by Mr. Connolly/Mr. Williams.

- i. Lone Tree Gym.
- ii. Lone Tree Upgrades.
- iii. NoCo Mobile Units.
- iv. NoCo Phase II.
- v. Grand Junction Phase I.
- vi. Northern Denver.

3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email [robert.williams@ascentcolorado.org](mailto:robert.williams@ascentcolorado.org) by 2:00pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.



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## 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 11/30/2023, 1/30/2024, & 2/8/2024 Board Meetings

Motion: Move to approve the meeting minutes as presented: Williams Second: Gilmartin  
Vote: 4-0 Passes

## 5. Business

- a. Funding resolution

Motion: Pass the funding resolution as presented: Williams Second: Gilmartin  
Discussion: Bond proceeds will be used for Capital Improvements, not operations.  
Vote: 4-0 Passes

- b. Handbook Discussion - approval of changes to remove ACA

Mrs. Gilmartin provided an update to the proposed changes made to the handbook, which eliminates the role of the former CMO. Where appropriate, Headmasters will take the place of the formerly named CMO, elevation will go to the ACACS Board.

Motion: Move to approve the changes to the handbook as presented: Williams Second: Gilmartin  
Vote: 4-0

## 6. Adjourn.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting: Fuller Second: Gilmartin Vote: 4-0  
Time: 4:42

### **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.