



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.
Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda
March 25, 2025
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. Mr. Gilmartin called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
 - b. Roll Call.
 - i. Gilmartin, Shanfelt, Warhurst, Williams
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - d. Read Mission/Vision.
 - e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Shanfelt Second: Gilmartin Motion carried
2. Reports
 - a. Finance Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott presented the high-level financials. Set to end the year at 120 days cash on hand with over a 1.2 debt-to-asset ratio.
 - ii. All four schools are projected to be over budget due to unemployment and workers' compensation related to coverages that were renewed and captured differently under Minga v. the prior CMO. Mr. Scott is requesting that an adjustment be made to the budget under a consent agenda item.
 - iii. An analysis of February payroll spending is being conducted.
 - iv. Mr. Gilmartin addressed the higher legal fees in association with the Intellectual Property lawsuit that is now resolved/dismissed. A potential federal appeal may be forthcoming.
 - b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Mr. Jones provided the HM report for Douglas County. He reported about the trip to Washington D.C. over spring break and referenced the HM report provided to identify a number of spring events taking place at the school. Site for graduation is now booked at church location near the school. Enrollment is hovering over 1000 students and interest stays high.
 - ii. Mr. Kramer provided the Northern Colorado report. He referenced the Archer event that will take place in the community. Link is in the HM report. Sr. thesis is coming up in April. Board member participation is appreciated. There are a lot of great things happening in the activities at NoCO. Enrollment is strong and

- interest is still high.
- iii. Mrs. Drake provided the GJ junction report. Hillsdale visited the school March 11. Ms. Hiatt also attended the visit. Administered the CLT10 for the first time. Looking to welcome 100-110 new students to the campus next year. A number of fun events will be taking place at the school and State testing begins soon.
- iv. Dr. Tacoma provided the Northern Denver update. High School parent information night is taking place this week. The House system is being developed. State testing is taking place in a few weeks, and the fundraiser Gala will be held in early April. Enrollment numbers look good and waiting to hear about the occupancy status for the HSE.
- c. ESP Report.
 - i. Mr. Franko provided the Education Service Provider update. The report is included in the board book. Hiring season is in full swing.
- d. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott and Mrs. Gilmartin reported out about fundraising efforts, in particular the process of working with AmPhil as a contracted fundraiser. A reference check was completed, in particular Great Hearts and Arcadia Education. High praise from both organizations.
- e. Facilities Report.
 - i. Mr. Connely updated the board regarding the projects listed in the board book and below. Most recently a traffic study was conducted at the Lone Tree location, aligning opportunities for April 8th and 15th governmental entity votes.
 - ii. Lone Tree Gym
 - iii. NoCo Phase II
 - iv. Grand Junction Phase I/II
 - v. Northern Denver Phase I
- 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 02/25/2025 Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Budget line variances in all four schools per the February Financial Report

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Gilmartin Second: Shanfelt,

Motion carried

- 5. Business
 - a. CSI Renewal Presentation for Grand Junction and Northern Denver
 - i. Mr. Ryan Marks provided a brief overview of the renewal process for Grand Junction and Northern Denver.
 - b. Ascent Classical Academy of Northern Colorado Headmaster
 - i. By acclamation, Mr. Gilmartin announced Ms. Hiatt as the new Headmaster of ACANOCO.
- 6. Adjourn.

- i. Motion to adjourn: Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt. Motion Carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM

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.