



MEETING MINUTES
Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy
Public Board Meeting
September 12th, 2023
7:00 PM

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 7:10 pm

End Time: 9:57 pm

Members Present: Cynthia Shumway, Jason Dodge, Sandra Russell, Steve Whitehouse, Paul Bingham, Joanna Larsen,

Members Absent: Jason Dodge (after 8:30pm)

Staff Present: Ted Gilbert, Casey Holmes, Natalie Gerber

Public: Ryan Sharp

Cynthia Shumway called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

BOARD BUSINESS

- It was determined that a quorum was present.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve minutes from August 8th, 2023. Sandra Russell seconded. The motion passed. Cynthia Shumway abstained.
- Next meeting will be held on October 10th, 2023.

DIRECTORS REPORT-Ted Gilbert

- Uniform policy is being enforced heavily as we have started the school year. Teachers are helping lovingly enforce.
- Parents/Teacher meet and greet will be held this Thursday evening. The Board is invited to attend if they are available.
- Follow the Flag is coming to Maeser next week to do an assembly. Families have been invited as well, particularly if they have a veteran in their family.
- Tuesday October 3rd, there will be a Substance Abuse assembly after 4th period. There will be an after school portion at 6:15pm for community members who would like to join as well.
- The new format for Advisory Fridays has been going really well. Natalie Gerber added she feels it is working nicely. The admin team feels it is more organized and less chaotic.
- Overall, our fall sports teams are doing really well.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

- Steve presented, Why Knowledge Matters, a book he would like the board and the administrative team to read.
- Venmo account discussion will be moved to next month's discussion after some more information can be presented.

- The Board decided to decline the Taxpayer Association Subscription.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve Red Apple's request to seek for \$2900 in grant funding to fund their efforts to convert to their new financial system. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve Policy 2206 School Dances as discussed and amended. Paul Bingham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve Policy 3202 Disciple Policy as discussed and amended. Paul Bingham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Joanna Larsen moved to approve Policy 2105 Online Learning. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve Policy 2104 Graduation as is, with the addition of section 4c. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET – Steve Whitehouse & Casey Holmes

- Casey showed the financial summary as of now. We are two months into the fiscal year.

FACILITIES-Jason Dodge

- Jason presented an estimate of about \$360/sq foot for the expansion plans he has previously presented.

WINTERIM-Sandra Russell

- The catalog has gone out and the budget committee is working through that from a budget standpoint.

FUNDRAISING-JoAnna Larsen

- UVU and BYU have a grant writing class who will be helping Maeser write some grant applications in the near future.
- Three events they are thinking about this year: a Halloween Carnival for families; have the BYU football coach come in and do a presentation and do an auction; and in the spring having a Toast Concert.
- The committee is working on a marketing plan.
- The fundraising committee will have a table at the Parent Meet/Greet that is happening at Maeser on Thursday.

CURRICULUM – Ted Gilbert

- The presentation of the selected Fall Drama Production is Puffs. The proposal for Spring is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.
- The proposed text to AP US History curriculum is: [*The West: A New History Vol. II*](#) by Anthony Grafton and David Bell.
- The proposed text to PS3 curriculum is: Real Lessons for Real Life by Patrice McKinney & The Big Book of Adulting Life Skills for Teens by Emily Carter

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to move to closed session for the discussion of staffing plan, facilities and information pursuant to Utah Code Subsection 52-4-205(1)(a), (1)(f), or (2). Joanna Larsen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Joanna (aye), Steve (aye), Sandra (aye), Cynthia (aye).

CLOSED SESSION

Start Time: 8:57 pm

End Time: 9:55 pm

MOTION: Paul Bingham moved to return back into open session. Sandra Russell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 9:56 pm

End Time: 9:57pm

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the counselor salary adjustments as discussed in closed session. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at:

Recording: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1W7yr2J5HWYSOx8M_qDh0rolqt0rqLrvC

Minutes: <https://maeserprep.org/board-meeting-minutes/>

Materials: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jr17IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt_hXzkZF0cZm