



MEETING MINUTES  
Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy  
Public Board Meeting  
December 10th, 2024  
7:30 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

Start Time: 7:45 pm

End Time: 9:38 pm

Members Present: Cynthia Shumway, Sandra Russell, Steve Whitehouse, Jo Anna Larsen, Paul Bingham

Members Absent: Jason Dodge

Staff Present: Ted Gilbert, Dustin Simmons

Public: Rachelle Simmons

Cynthia Shumway called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

**BOARD BUSINESS**

- It was determined that a quorum was present.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the minutes from November 12th, 2024. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. Paul Bingham abstained. The motion passed.
- Next meeting will be held on January 14th, 2024

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ted Gilbert**

- The Middle School Play, Lost Boys, was beautifully done.
- Last Thursday Maeser had an assembly where it was announced that Dustin Simmons was recognized as Most Valuable Educator for the state of Utah.
- Maeser also received a donation of \$1,000,000 from the Burns Foundation during that assembly.
- Cynthia recognized Heather Lewis, one of our counselors, with the burden she has carried since the passing of our dear coworker, Sandra Sorensen. She has been an important part of our team.

**DISCUSSION & APPROVAL**

- [2025-2026 Drafted Calendar](#)
  - It is being proposed to add two additional teacher professional days into the calendar. One will take place in September after Parent Teacher Conference and one the day before winterim to allow teachers to get their classrooms set up and copies made etc. **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the Calendar as proposed. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Safety Assessment: We need to decide if we want a private security firm, a police officer, or a school safety guardian for our school. If Lindon city was going to have an officer here, it is about \$120,000 a year. The admin team doesn't feel comfortable with a private security firm at this time. The admin team and safety specialist feel an assigned school safety guardian that we select is the best option for Maeser. **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve moving forward with pursuing a school safety guardian candidate that will meet the needs of the school. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
  - The school safety chief said, if the fire department approves, we need to have locking doors on the gym.
- Innovation Grant: **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to accept the Innovation Grant for our Robotics Winterim. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Principles of Classical Education: Steve has put together a presentation on classical education and its importance. The Board feels it is essential to understand our position on the importance of classical education.

#### BUDGET – Steve Whitehouse

- David Robertson joined us to discuss bidding details for our expansion project.

#### FACILITIES-Jason Dodge

- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the [RFQ](#) that has been presented and that we commence the RFQ period December 11th. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SCHOOL POLICIES/LEGISLATION-

#### WINTERIM-Sandra Russell

#### CURRICULUM-Cynthia Shumway

- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve the [AP Environmental Science book](#). Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve [Won't You Be My Neighbor Winterim book: Lenses of Humanity](#). Sandra Russell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Sandra Russell moved to approve [Lights, Camera, Action Winterim proposal](#). Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve Student-directed MS Play - The History of Dating. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE-Jo Anna Larsen

- Spring Event: April 12th, 2025. 40s style dance. Waiting on confirmations with the band.
- Social Media: Sam has been working on our Maeser outreach Instagram page.

**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](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1W7yr2J5HWYSOx8M_qDh0rolqt0rqLrvC)

Approved 1/14/25

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

Materials: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jr17IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt\\_hXzkZFOcZm](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jr17IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt_hXzkZFOcZm)