



Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy



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MEETING MINUTES

Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy
Public Board Meeting
February 10th, 2026
7:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 7:06 pm

End Time: 10:17 pm

Members Present: Cynthia Shumway, Steve Whitehouse, Sandra Russell, Richard Dodge, Jo Anna Larsen

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Robyn Ellis, Laura Ure, Casey Holmes,

Public: Kyle Painter (Disrupters Media), Jonathan Gadd

Cynthia Shumway called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

BOARD BUSINESS

- It was determined that there was a quorum present.
- The Pledge was recited.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the minutes from [December 9th, 2025](#). Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Next meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jonathan Gadd made a public comment in representation of his wife, concerning her opinions on a past employee.

LEA REPORT-Robyn Ellis

- Kyle Painter:
 - Kyle is a member of our marketing team. He shared some data and statistics of our marketing campaign we did from January to February.
- New Enrollees for next year
 - The lottery was held last week. We are working on doing another push to add more students.

DIRECTORS REPORT-Robyn Ellis

- School Report
 - We are labeled exemplary! Robyn shared some statistics of our school and we are well above average in all graded categories.
- Final Trustlands Report:
 - Our goals this year were increasing college readiness indicators in ACT areas, and increasing writing and reading proficiencies. She reported we have done that well.
 - Robyn has a meeting tomorrow to make the 26-27 trustlands plan.
- Robyn proposed moving digital literacy to 7th graders to help the middle schoolers learn the tools the school uses (google classroom etc).

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

- Board Statement to Community
 - Steve shared a statement the board has created to address any allegations that have been made regarding conduct of our board and administration.
- **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the new letterhead logo as presented. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2025-2026 Fee Schedule
 - **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the amendment to the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule & Spend Plan. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- LEA Specific Licenses
 - **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve the LEA licenses as listed and reviewed. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Erin Smith-World History
 - Dustin Simmons-Lanauge Arts
 - Jonathan Harmon-Language Arts/World History
 - Logan Wilcox-DBA
 - Nicholas Martin-Language Arts/History
 - Stefanie Slade-Environmental Science
 - Tia Davis-World History
- Foreign Language for MS
 - We do not offer continued dual immersion programs for our middle schoolers. We find Latin very foundational and beneficial to our students as a part of their Maeser education.
- Old Logo Timeline
 - 27-28 school year for MS (new logo)
 - 29-30 school year for HS (new logo)
 - Used uniforms: no MS to resell from now on
 - Used uniforms: no HS to resell in 27-28

- Back Up Testing
 - The bandwidth for our internet has hit its max. The admin team is working on a solution to how to limit technology on the days that our middle schoolers need to take their end of the year RISE testing.
- Counseling Strategy
 - High school councilors have asked to be able to follow the class through graduations, instead of being grade specific.
- Attorney Representation
 - Robyn recommended seeking a new legal council to help answer some educational questions we have and will come upon.
 - **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve moving forward with representation from David Mortensen. Richard Dodge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET-Steve Whitehouse

- Insurance
 - **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to delegate to the finance committee to approve the final options in adding to our insurance coverages, not to exceed \$10,000. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE-Richard Dodge

- 2026/2027 Projects
 - Discussion was tabled until we can get proper numbers for the budget committee.

SCHOOL POLICIES/LEGISLATIVE

- [Policy 3201 Attendance](#) - It was proposed that the portion from the Winterim policy , stating we do not allow for preapproved vacations during Winterim, is now copied into the attendance policy as well.
 - **MOTION:** Steve Whitehouse moved to approve Policy 3201 Attendance as revised. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Jo Anna Larsen

- March 7th from 9am-1pm is the Speaker Symposium.
- March 21st is the Spring Regency Ball.

CURRICULUM-Cynthia Shumway & Robyn Ellis

- **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to approve the [Region/State Drama list](#), [MS One Act proposals](#), [Broadway Rocks Updated list](#) as discussed in our December meeting. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Board was asked to review the [Debate proposal video](#) before the next meeting where it will be voted on.
- [America 250](#)
 - Laura Ure proposed allowing the students to participate in a 250 Year Celebration project.
- All other curriculum items that were discussed will go up for approval in next month's meeting.

WINTERIM-Sandra Russell

- March 6th is the first meeting for next years Winterim.

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to move into closed session for the discussion of personnel, litigation and items pertinent to Utah Code Subsection 52-4-205(1)(a), (1)(f), or (2). Jo Anna Larsen seconded. Roll Call Vote: Jo Anna (aye), Steve (aye), Sandra (aye), Richard (aye), Cynthia (aye).

CLOSED SESSION

Start Time: 9:10 pm

End Time: 10:16 pm

MOTION: Steve Whitehouse moved to return back into open session. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 10:17 pm

End Time: 10:17 pm

MOTION: Jo Anna Larsen moved to adjourn. Steve Whitehouse seconded the motion. 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