

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
PARNASSUS PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

Held June 1, 2021

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Parnassus Preparatory School, a Minnesota non-profit corporation (the “Company” or the “School”), held on June 1, 2021 at Parnassus Preparatory School, 11201 96th Street, Maple Grove, Minnesota, in the Gymnasium.

Present at the meeting were directors, Greg Friess, Ravi Shanbhag, Ben Ark, Ken Zigrino and Barb Rose. Also present from the School was Ms. Ford, Executive Director. Also present were Ms. Omberg (School of Grammar Principal), Mr. Kasowicz (School of Logic Principal), Mr. Hamiel (School of Rhetoric Principal) and Ms. Good (Director of Academic Affairs and Assessment). Finally, several community members, parents and students were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Friess at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Friess noted the presence of a quorum. All directors present waived notice of the meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

The first order of business was to recite the mission statement of the School, which was done by Mr. Friess.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The next order of business was to approve the Agenda for the meeting included in the Board’s packet circulated prior to the meeting (the “Board Packet”). Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda as presented in the Board Packet.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

The next order of business was to hear comments from Community Members in attendance. The Board heard comments from several parents and students interested in knowing what the School had planned for next year regarding masking and other Covid policies; others discussed their concerns over masking policies and individual liberties. In accordance with long-standing practice and Board policy, the Board of Directors thanked all attendees making comments for their input. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

The next order of business was to approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting included in the Board Packet. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the items in the Consent Agenda as presented in the Board Packet.

DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The next order of business was to discuss certain administrative items.

CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

The first item discussed was proposed changes to the Employee Handbook, a copy of which were included in the Board Packet. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the changes to the Employee Handbook as presented in the Board Packet.

Next on the Agenda were the “Close of the Year Wrap Up” presented by Principals Omberg, Kasowicz and Hamiel, and by Ms. Good. Principal Omberg congratulated the entire staff for really stepping up during a difficult year, and discussed some of the challenges that had been met to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. She summed it up by saying that “the Pandemic did not get the best of Parnassus.” Mr. Kasowicz discussed the results of the national Latin and Mythology examinations, stating that 77 scholars scored cum laude or higher. He also discussed enrollment growth, and the School meeting its technology goals, commenting that the School has met 98% of its learning model changes. Mr. Hamiel talked about the growth of sports at Parnassus and stated that the cooperative arrangement with Brooklyn Center was going very well. He stated that the School had a National Merit Finalist, Adam Priebe. And he stated that students had superbly defended their theses, by weaving together what they learned at Parnassus, including formal logic, as well as the School’s emphasis on Truth, Goodness and Beauty. Ms. Good stated that she was impressed and awed by the perseverance of both staff and students, and by all the hard work put in in the face of rapidly changing mandates. She went over the high participation rates of students for various testing regimens, but noted that, due to delays caused by the Pandemic, scores were not yet available. However, she ended by noting that the School had achieved the ranking of the Number 4 high school in the State of Minnesota, as well as the 39th best STEM high school in the country.

DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY

The next order of business was to discuss and approve the following recommendation as presented in the Board Packet:

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user’s access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA). The Board recommends to authorize Constance Ford to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Parnassus Preparatory school 4199-07.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the foregoing and authorized Constance Ford to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Parnassus Preparatory school 4199-07.

RECISSION OF CURRENT MASK POLICY

The next order of business was to discuss and approve the recission of the School's Mask Policy, Policy 808 entitled "COVID-19 FACE COVERING POLICY" adopted August 11, 2020. for the 2021 School year. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recission of Policy 808.

MASK POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR

The next order of business was to discuss the School's Mask Policy for the upcoming year. Mr. Friess gave a short update on the matter, emphasizing that there had been no guidance from the State or the Department of Education thus far. However, he anticipated at this point in time, he would not be in favor of a mask requirement unless some sort of mandate applied, and the Board expressed their agreement with this. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The next order of business was to discuss the adjournment of the meeting. On motion made and duly seconded, the Board of Directors unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. Zigrino, Secretary