



**Ascent Classical Academy**  
*of Douglas County*

## MINUTES

### School Accountability Committee Meeting 14 November 2023

#### Location:

10004 Park Meadows Drive  
Lone Tree, CO 80124

#### *Call to Order*

- Mr. Rutan called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

#### *Roll Call*

- Present: Headmaster Jones, Mr. Clay (via phone), Mrs. Clay, Dr. Jones, Mr. Lenhart, Dr. Loftus, Mrs. Nungesser, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rutan, Mrs. Silverthorn; Absent: Mrs. Walker, excused

#### *Review UIP*

- Last year's emphasis: math
  - CSI stated that the area of emphasis had to be measurable
- Discussion of math scores at our school, DCSD, Ascent Northern Colorado; also CMAS and PSAT
  - Scores above state average but not where we want or need to be
  - Math interventionist/specialist has been hired
  - Future: test incoming students to assist with placement and math assessment--not an entrance test, but rather a tool
- Updated leadership structure: more deans, more support, helping first-year teachers

#### *Priorities*

- Culture (faculty, staff, support, respect, voice)
- Mission & vision
- Personnel: people, not programs
- Facilities
  - More space, building next door

#### *Parent Survey*

- Choose date to send out, after spring break, March 25
- Add a January meeting to the calendar
- Consider adding a question about state testing and parent attitudes toward it

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*Progress Report*

- Thanksgiving will be a welcome break
- Veterans Day celebration was highly regarded
- Gala went well; \$80,000 raised, more than was raised at the most recent Spring 2023 gala
- Renew the school vision
- The board will work through the CMO issues
  - Aside from a few communications, teachers weren't affected much by issues trickling down
- Hillsdale renewal of membership
  - Formal steps needed to make that happen

*SAC Membership*


- Bylaws restrict voting faculty to 3, including the headmaster
- But any staff member can attend

*Minutes*

- Minutes from the September meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

*Adjournment*

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

  
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Mr. Adam Rutan, President

  
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Mrs. Meghann Silverthorn, Secretary