

six due to lower enrollment.

- Holmes said the director of Academics was focused on the middle school math curriculum, the literary sequence, and the use of technology. Math curriculum is a focus due to low growth scores from

NWEA (formerly the Northwest Evaluation Association), which came out over the summer.

- Holmes reported that the Finance Committee was working on two Phase 2 financing options depending on whether the MLO passes. He

noted that bond investors look at a school's debt-to-income ratio and the MLO, which would be used for teacher pay, would increase revenue providing incentives for investors to look positively at MA.

- Holmes said the unaudited numbers for MA showed a net income of \$600,000 last year compared to a \$300,000 loss the year before, which increased cash reserves to \$3.1 million and would also help with potential investors.
- The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) vulnerability assessment was completed. CDE walked inside and outside with an MA team and provided a full report including suggestions to improve safety and security.
- High School Principal David Kennington reported that a focus group had evaluated the status of classical education and MA has taken that input to bulk up the classical education that families want. He held an all-high-school assembly to discuss these concepts with students and referred them to the print of Raphael's The School of Athens fresco at the school's entrance.
- Board member Joe Buczkowski re-

ported for the Finance Committee that several heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units have to be repaired or replaced at the West Campus, costing \$8,500 each to repair or \$50,000 to replace. He recommended creating a building maintenance fund for these and other issues.

- In public comments for items not on the agenda, which took place after the executive session, Steve Waldmann spoke against the board's new dress code which he said violated the law, including the Crown Act which says it's illegal for schools to prohibit a student from wearing locs (aka dreadlocks). He also said requiring kids to wear clothing appropriate to the board's opinion of their gender is against laws protecting gender expression.

The MA School Board meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. on the East Campus. See more information at see <https://bit.ly/ma-boe>.

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Committee adds two subcommittees, discusses MLO and spring test results

By Harriet Halbig

The District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) discussed a possible name change, the addition of subcom-

mittees, and spring assessment results at its Sept. 13 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Amber Whetstone gave a brief overview of DAAC's



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