



LA PAZ
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR



The launch of the 2021-2022 school year highlighted an improbable journey that began in January, 2021 as we planned and initiated the inauguration of our new Tempisque campus while still in the midst of the challenges associated with Covid. We immediately felt the positive impact of the increased resources brought about by this important board and community decision and we are deeply appreciative to all of our supporters who helped transform this dream into a reality.

We began the 2021-2022 school year with significant Covid restrictions in place on both the Cabo Velas and Tempisque campuses. As the year progressed, we were able to safely engage our students in more of the community learning experiences that make La Paz so special. On the curricular side, we celebrated the return of our morning meeting, cross-grade learning opportunities, as well as thematic unit exhibitions led by students. On the extracurricular side, we saw the return of our athletics and after school programs, in addition to our beloved weekly farmer's market. This process of slowly and steadily returning to the vibrant La Paz community that we know and love took a tremendous amount of commitment, trust and empathy, as each individual lived a different experience during Covid. **We are so deeply appreciative to our families, faculty, staff, and students for demonstrating such a high level of resiliency through these important transitions.**

As we look to the future, we are confident that we can meet any challenge that we face and opportunity that presents itself thanks to the lessons learned during the 2021-2022 school year.

In Peace,

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Abel McClennen
General Director

LA PAZ BY NUMBERS

STUDENTS



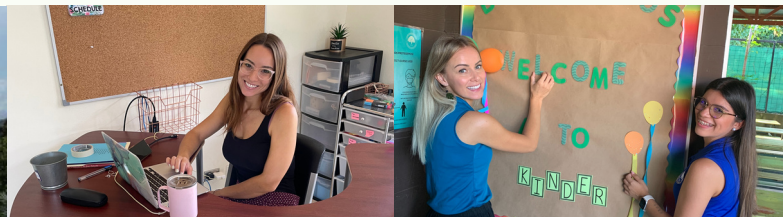
607 Students **60%** Costa Rican

30 Countries



63% Of our students receive Financial Aid or Scholarships

STAFF



68 Professional educators

19 Assistant teachers



24 Administration and Support



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2021-2022 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$573,500



The La Paz Scholarship Program is a donor-funded initiative that identifies children from under-resourced communities and offers a world-class bilingual education. The students and their families receive comprehensive support in order to guarantee their success in the La Paz academic program and in the fulfillment of the principal goal: to finish their studies and return to their communities as agents of change.



RUTA LA PAZ \$130,000



On June 11th, 2022 we celebrated our 12th edition of Ruta La Paz. By having two schools running two races, at two local beaches at the same time, we created a friendly competition that joined both communities with the main purpose of supporting the scholarship program. Ruta La Paz is coming back on May 13th and 14th, 2023 with new challenges for our competitors.



ENDOWMENT FUND \$27,500

Created in 2015 as a sustainable opportunity to support youth from the Guanacaste region to pursue experiential, bilingual education at La Paz, the Fund is valued at \$500,000 and distributes yearly dividends to the La Paz Scholarship Program. Our US non-profit La Paz Global has sold nine of the 13 lots from the Pacific Heights community in Potrero that were donated to us. Proceeds from these sales are directed to the Endowment Fund.



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ANNUAL FACULTY FUND \$22,500



Since the inception of La Paz in 2007, the quality of the student learning experience has been directly connected to the expertise and commitment of the teaching staff. Empowering and retaining world-class educators require consistent coaching and professional development, as well as a salary and benefits that compensate for their tireless commitment. To this goal, the development team created the La Paz Faculty Fund in 2019 to help during difficult times due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This fund is donor sponsored and has been invested in compensation packages and professional development during the past three years.

KAISER BREITLANDER MEMORIAL FUND \$14,000



On January 15, 2015 the lives of fellow community members, Sarah and Peter Breitlander were changed forever when they lost their first-born and only son, Kaiser James. Kaiser was a happy little boy who loved to laugh and make others smile. During the darkest days of their grief, family and friends helped Sarah and Pete establish the Kaiser Breitlander Memorial Fund to help support a wide variety of essential services for La Paz scholarship students including special educational services, occupational therapy, educational psychology, and counseling. These services are essential to ensuring an equitable and inclusive learning environment for children with less resources at La Paz.






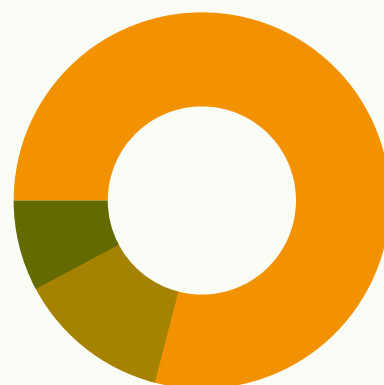
2021-2022 FINANCES

Last school year, La Paz Community School earned a net revenue of **\$4,657,210** with expenses of **\$4,879,027**. On 2022-2023, we will continue our growth plans with the goal of enhancing the best education experience in the community by improving our fundraising and the benefits for our staff.






Below is a summary of La Paz Community School revenues and expenses for the school year ending August 31, 2022

INCOME

-  Tuition fees \$3,448,658
-  Donations \$870,129
-  Other incomes \$338,423



EXPENSES

-  Sales costs \$351,755
-  Loan payment \$184,390
-  Building and grounds \$376,857
-  General costs \$347,243
-  Human resources \$3,618,782



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President (2016-actual)	Gabriel Chaves
Vice president (2021-2022)	Melissa Cerdas
Secretary (2021-2022)	Tatiana Echeverría
Treasurer (2021-2022)	René Zahr
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Vocal 2 (2021-2022)	Karol Trejos
Vocal 3 (2021-2022)	Carlos Bolaños
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