



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

Free Horizon Montessori PK-8
Montessori for the 21st Century - a place to learn, a place to belong

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:01 p.m.
Board Members Present: Jennifer Stickel, Hilary Hobson, Jonathan Spitze, Alex Ramsay, Katrina Smolka, Lisa Cernick
Staff Members Present: Miera Nagy, Kresta Vuolo, Heather Smith
CSN: Rachael Hernandez
Community Member: Astra Makawitz
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Motion to approve by Alex, Second by Hilary. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Previous minutes review. Minor. Motion to Approve Hilary Second by Katrina. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: Spelling Bee, Choice Enrollment (2nd Moving Up Night), Science and Engineering Fairs last week, Kudos to staff on how they handled the threat to the schools, Happy with the manner in how the communication was done and how FHM was included in those messages. Message from Dr. Glass on the robust nature of charter schools in giving choice to families.
5. CSN Update: See CSN Update
6. Staff Update: Staff are interested in when intent to return form are coming out. Still concern over staff turnover (how do we get them to stay). Start time for next year 7:45 – 3:45 pm instead of the current schedule 8 am – 4 pm. What are assistant raises? And is this just the PDIS stipend? Intent to return are tied to the finance budgeting information.
7. LE Presentation – Field trip
8. Principal Update: See Principal Dashboard Report
9. Strategic Goals Review:
 - a. Branding/Communication – See Communications and Branding Committee Update – February 2018
 - b. Capital Planning – Update will happen with PV update

- c. Facilities Optimization – Meeting with Full Committee, Planning Session. One group worked on aligning curriculum. Other group worked on finalizing the schedule and staffing. Opening another primary classroom (Primary 5).
10. PV Updates:
 - a. Letter of intent – Met with the district yesterday and shared it with them. It was received favorably. Asked for a response by February 21st.
 - b. Providing more information that they gave to us. Want us to vet more what that might look like. Additional information asked for from Jeffco. Asked for the governing documents from D'Evelyn.
 - c. Next Steps: Meeting again at the 21st.
11. School Calendar (1st Read): Staff, and parents participated in creating options. Board did a first read of it and provided feedback.
12. Student Fees (1st Read): Miera presented the first read of the Fee chart. Board and Staff provided feedback
13. Tuition Rates (1st Read): Miera presented the first read of the Tuition Rates. Board and Staff provided feedback.
14. Budget Reallocation: Discussed reinstatement of ELT payout due to increased FTE count exceeded 321 promised. Motion to Approve Re-Appropriation of funds by Alex, Second by Katrina, Unanimous approval.
15. Letter to FHM Staff: Reviewed letter to staff, approved for circulation to staff, Board will present at the PD Day on 2/16/18 and provide lunch.
16. Committee Meeting Schedule: Overlap of Facilities Committee and Governance Committee, hard for staff and parents to attend. Governance will look at a different Friday of the month. Katrina will report back.
17. Community Outreach: JCSC Meeting at Great Work last night. Others covered in the upcoming events document posted to the SharePoint site.
18. Assignments:
 - a. Get information needed around the District's proposal – Miera, Kresta
 - b. Have a Special Meeting of the Board on District's proposal on Thursday 15th at 4 pm - All
 - c. Alex to provide Sign Up Genius for lunch for Staff PD on 2/16/18
 - d. Katrina report back about Governance Committee schedule change
 - e. Alex and Hilary will volunteer to provide a story for April Horizon Line
19. Adjournment – 9:55 PM Motion to adjourn. Hilary moves, Alex second, passes unanimously.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Spitz". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.