



Board of Directors  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 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: 6:08 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: No representative  
Community Member: Betsy Hoke  
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Moved Board Self Evaluation up. Motion to approve by Alexs, Second by Hilary. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Previous minutes review. Minor changes. Motion to Approve Alex Second by Kresta. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: Student Council organized to get donations for the Gathering Place. Great success. First of two choice enrollment meetup nights. Went very well. Another one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff Holiday Party on December 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the CSN. Classroom spelling bees were held in December.
5. CSN Update: Didn't receive an update (potentially due to meeting date/time change). CSN worked with the community to give gifts to the staff.
6. Staff Update: Discussion around surveying the staff, timing, frequency, etc. Setup time to do an introduction of the board with the staff and where we are with the evaluation process. Board will come on the PD date, morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.
7. Principal Update: Great PD day on Friday. Discussed office practices and classroom practices. Interviewing for Upper El and After Care Position. Assistant in P2 leaving at the end of the month. Finalizing job posting. Current 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders visiting Middle school to see what it is like. Vision and Hearing tests occurred. Peace Committee held an assembly. Meeting scheduled in Pleasant View on January 24<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30 pm). Pleasant View Metro District Board is meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. Jill is looking at ways to communicate with them and potentially meet with them or have them come to our meeting. First round of choice enrollment opened today and already have a stack of applications.
8. Strategic Goals Review:
  - a. Branding/Communication – Meet Wednesday morning. No update.

- b. Capital Planning – Update will happen with PV update
  - c. Facilities Optimization – Schedule adjustment for next year for the core content and work cycles. Next meeting, will be working on curriculum.
9. PV Updates:
- a. See item #7 for meeting with Pleasant View
  - b. Have not seen further communication from Dr. Glass
  - c. Need a lawyer to help us put together our offer.
  - d. Finance Committee would drive communication with the lawyer and determine range for an offer. Facilities meets on Friday.
  - e. Board has decided to delegate activity of the board to vet, select, and work with a commercial lawyer within the limited authority of the board.
10. Finance Committee Financial Updates: Reviewed the Finance Committee Dash. Discussion about potential PERA contribution changes. Reviewed budget calendar.
11. Declaration of Executive Session – Executive session in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4), “Personnel Matters” with Betsy Hoke invited. Motion Alex, Second Hilary, Unanimous Approval at 7:49 pm
12. Executive Session. Motion to end executive Session by Katrina, Second by Hilary. Unanimous Approval. Ended at 9:29 Pm
13. Community Outreach: JCSC Meeting at Great Work tomorrow night. Others covered in the upcoming events document posted to the SharePoint site.
14. Assignments:
- a. Board will come on the PD day, morning of the February 16<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Lisa will reach out to Meredith for potential commercial lawyers. Hilary will also look into a commercial lawyer options as well.
  - c. Finance committee will vet, select, and work with a commercial lawyer within the limited authority of the board.
  - d. Lisa try to attend the JSCS meeting.
15. Adjournment – 9:45 PM Motion to adjourn. Hilary moves, Alex second, passes unanimously.

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Jonathan Spitzer