



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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: 6:10 p.m.
Board Members Present: Jennifer Stickel, Jonathan Spitze, Lisa Cernick, Alison Fuhr, Hilary Hobson
Board Members Excused: Aneta Rettig, Amanda Summers
Staff Members Present: Miera Nagy, Kresta Vuolo
CSN: Rachael Hernandez
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Motion to approve by Hilary, Second by Lisa. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Previous Minutes review. Minor changes. Motion to approve by Hilary. Second by Lisa. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: We are here at the new school. Move went fine. Went longer than anticipated. Today was the first day for teachers back. Coach Bree had her baby. Everyone is healthy. Member of the Golden Optimist club came by and gave a gift for school supplies. Participated in the back to school event at New Hope Community church. Have a draft of the governance agreement.
5. CSN Update: Had a retreat in July. Revised bylaws and position descriptions. Delineated two goals: fund raising and community building. Goal is to reach more parents through increased participation. Performed the annual distribution for the school. Treasurer will be meeting with Miera to discuss the long-term financial goals for the school.
6. Staff Update: Pending staff liaisons being selected
7. Principle Update: Exciting that we have a path forward for the real estate transactions. Have a draft of the governance and operation document. Discussion about the move. Request to have the board visible on back to school night. Still hiring. Reviewed student counts. Overall, things are going well.
8. Strategic Goals Review
 - Facilities Master Plan – Have a new building and getting rid of the next one. Modular is going away next Wednesday

- Determination of plan for “excess” funds – Working hard on that. Moving forward as soon as we know what excess means
 - 5-yr plan development – No update
 - Board Policy Manual Updates – Did a great job going through a large chunk and having meaningful conversation. Need to get a draft to governance committee.
9. Working Session Finalization – See board policy manual updates on agenda item 8.
10. Principal Eval. Committee Creation – Jen and Lisa will be on the principal eval. committee. Review of conceptual process.
11. Finance Committee Updates – Reviewed minutes from last finance committee retreat.
12. PV Community Outreach – Discussed the boards role in this. Will meet with the communication coordinator for Free Horizon following her start on Monday.
13. Community Outreach – Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30 pm at the Ed Center board room for the annual Charter Board Legal Training.
14. Conflict of Interest – Will get these out to the board.
15. Assignments:
- Board Review of Governance documents, all, complete by Thursday 8/16
 - Facilitate getting a draft to the governance committee, Lisa & Aneta
 - Complete Conflict of Interest, all
 - Sign-up genius for taco bar, need a few additional items, Wednesday 8/15. Ready at 3:00 pm and clean-up at 4:00 pm. Start setting up at 2:30 pm
16. Adjournment – 8:40 PM Motion to adjourn. Hilary moves, Lisa second, passes unanimously.

**In accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, also known as the Sunshine Law, the Board must give notice to the public anytime they schedule a meeting of more than three (3) board members to discuss business concerning the school. The Colorado Sunshine law does allow for the meetings, or portions of the meetings, to be held privately when the subject matter being discussed must remain confidential so long as no formal action is taken during the private portion of the meeting, called the “executive session.” The Sunshine Law strictly defines eight criteria under which a private, Executive Session can be held, personnel discussions being one of them. The law also states the community must be informed of the meeting and the criteria under which an executive session must be called.*

Jonathan Spitzer