



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 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: 6:02 p.m.
Board Members Present: Jennifer Stickel, Jonathan Spitze, Lisa Cernick, Aneta Rettig, Alison Fuhr
Board Members Excused: Amanda Summers
Staff Members Present: Kresta Vuolo, Heather Smith, Kristin Shadowlight
Staff Members Excused: Miera Nagy
CSN: Rachel Hernandez
Community Member: Hilary Hobson, Sharie Lions, Roger Poole
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Motion to approve by Lisa, Second by Jonathan. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Previous minutes review. Minor changes. Motion to approve by Lisa, Second by Alison. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: 2 weeks of school left. Finishing MAP testing. DIBELS testing is wrapping up. Most successful Spring Fling. Jeffco approved Innovation Plan. Successful kid's night out. Officially AMI Step 5. Completed school-wide art project.
5. CSN Update: Meeting more over the summer in anticipation of the move. Next meeting is Tuesday, July 19th at Barnes & Nobles. Will set calendar for the year. Will also set agenda for retreat. Will be selling grocery cards and spirit gear at field day. Community members can offer their specific expertise. Grub Club at Lil Rocco's on June 1st and another at Bob's Atomic Burger in September.
6. Board Vacancy: Governance committee nominated Hillary to fill 1-year term. Motion to approve by Jen. Second by Jonathan. Unanimous approval.
7. Officer Election – President. Lisa nominates Jen for President. Aneta Seconds. Comment period. Hilary motions to vote, Lisa Second. Unanimous approval.
8. Officer Election – Vice President. Lisa nominates Lisa for Vice President. Alison seconds. Comment period. Hilary motions to vote, Alison second. Unanimous approval.
9. Officer Election – Secretary. Lisa nominates Jonathan for Secretary. Alison seconds. Comment period. Hilary motions to vote, Alison second. Unanimous approval.

10. Officer Election – Treasurer. Jen nominates Hilary for Treasurer. Alison seconds. Comment period. Lisa motions to vote, Aneta second. Unanimous approval.

11. Director at Large Roles

- a. Backup to the Secretary – Amanda has been volunteered. It is to be confirmed
- b. Back to the Treasurer and Liaison to the Finance Committee - Alison has a desire to do this
- c. Liaison to the School Accountability Committee – Lisa has a desire to do this.
- d. Liaison to the Governance Committee (max 2) – Aneta Rettig volunteers to do this
- e. Liaison to Facilities Committee (max 2) – Jen Stickel would like to stay on Facilities. Jonathan to be on Facilities Committee

Motion to approve the director-at-large roles. Motion Hilary. Second Alison. No comment. Unanimous approval.

12. Review of Board Requirements – Need to go through board training. Suggestion to provide mentoring for new board members. Need to be at board meeting. If something comes up, reach out to the board president. Be careful what you post. Don't reply all.

13. Staff Update: Assistants re-contracting has gone out. Has been some questions regarding stipends at PDIS levels. Holding meetings and providing clarification. Those have been positive. Could have used more training on PDIS. Growing pains on the use of it. Board offered to help in anyway that they can with the transition.

14. Principal Update: Reviewed Dashboard

15. BoD Strategic Planning:

- a. Branding/Communication – Needs to be a focus of the board retreat to determine next steps
- b. Capital Planning – See next item
- c. Facilities Optimization – This week would have been this week, but did not happen due to other activities. The big focus is curriculum

16. Review of JeffCo BoE meeting decision and MOU – Jeffco Board review and approved the Innovation Plan. CDE has 60 days to review it. Needs to be on their June agenda (don't meet in July). Want approval in June. Motion to approve from Hilary. Second from Aneta. Unanimous approval. Discussion about facilities.

17. Community Outreach: JCSC Mtg. was tonight. Update on Montessori Peaks and Compass. Continued to monitor communication about this transition.

18. Annual Board Retreat: A doodle poll will be sent regarding this subject. Location: consider using St. Anthony's conference room. Think about location to have it.

19. Assignments:

- a. Still have board meeting on 2nd Thursday of the Month for 2018-2019 - Everyone
- b. Send out board training to everyone – Jen Stickel
- c. Take board training – New board members
- d. Add priority conversation to board retreat – Jen Stickel
- e. Put a doodle poll together (block out June 14th on the pool)– Jonathan Spitze
- f. Reach out to Jill to include in the board retreat – Jen Stickel
- g. Fill out doodle poll – Board and Staff to be involved

20. Adjournment – 8:42 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.*

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