



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 2019

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

- Meeting called to order at: 6:07 p.m.
Board Members Present: Jonathan Spitze, Lisa Cernick, Diane Fox, Alison Fuhr, Aneta Rettig, Clark Frye, John Frost
Staff Members Present: Miera Nagy, Kresta Vuolo, Heather Smith, Chris Caruso
Governance Committee Members: Chris Weber
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
- Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Motion to approve by Aneta, Second by Clark. Unanimous approval.
- Approval of Minutes: 4/16/19 with minor changes, and 4/29/19. Motion to approve to Aneta, Second by Alison. Unanimous approval.
- Public Comment and Celebration: Patched HVAC system. Able to hold the entire school activities on the 1st floor of this building. Assembly and intentional community. Spring concert was held. Several field trips. Day without hate. Teacher and staff appreciation week
- CSN Update: Staff appreciation. Request for support information for parents following the STEM school incident
- Staff Update: Staff appreciation has made them feel spoiled and very grateful. Dance party. HVAC issue had many coming together. Flexibility was a key factor for all.
- Department Presentation – Upper Elementary
- Officer Election – President. Nomination – Lisa & Jonathan. Move to close the nomination for president by Alison. 2nd by Aneta. Unanimous approval. Lisa elected as President
- Officer Election – Vice President – Nominations Jonathan. Move to close the nomination for vice president by John. 2nd by Aneta. Unanimous approval. Jonathan elected as Vice President.
- Office Election – Secretary – Nomination – Aneta. Move to close the nomination for secretary by Diane. 2nd by Jonathan. Unanimous approval. Aneta elected as Secretary.

- Office Election - Treasurer – Nominations – Alison. Move to close the nomination for treasurer by Clark. 2nd by John. Unanimous approval. Alison elected as Treasurer
- Director At Large –
 - a. Backup to the Secretary – Clark
 - b. Backup to the Treasurer and Liaison to the Finance Committee – Diane
 - c. Liaison to the School Accountability (max 2) - Aneta
 - d. Liaison to the Governance Committee (max 2) – Jonathan, Lisa
 - e. Liaison to the Facilities Committee (max 2) – Clarke, John
- Review of Board Requirements – Signing of confidentiality agreements. Discussion of setup of access to SharePoint. Governance committee will decide on training. Discussion on representation of the board. Utilization of email.
- Principal Update – 3 lead teacher and some assistant positions. Speech language pathology assistant will be hired. Lead teacher positions are filled. 4-5 ed assistant positions to fill. Attended a meeting on allocation of 5a funds. Cora request update. Working on the HVAC unit and floors over the summer. Enrollment looks good
- Financial Update – Review of Financial Dashboard. Not much has changed from the State of the School.
- Facilities Committee – Review of Facilities activities both completed and upcoming. Motion to approve up to \$100k in carry forward funds to combine with the CSN donation to go towards the renovation/updating of the courtyard and play area #3 made by John. 2nd by Clarke. Unanimous approval. Review of a letter of interest from Rowena Adams. Nomination for Rowena Adams for facilities committee by Alison. 2nd by Aneta. Unanimous approval
- Strategic Goals Review:
 - a. Facilities Development Plan – Previously covered
 - b. Determination of plan for “excess” funds – Previously covered
 - c. Board Policy Manual Updates – Approved and finalized. We will look at it again next year.
- Annual Board Retreat – Will get Kresta’s schedule and then a doodle poll will go out for the retreat.
- Community Outreach – Walk and roll to school was postponed. Community coffee has been rescheduled for next Tuesday. Committed the board to sponsoring the last board meeting in May.

- Assignments:
 - Board retreat doodle poll – Everyone
 - Hot dog Friday – Need buns and chips – Lisa will send something out
 - SharePoint access, email access, and name tags for new board members - Miera
- Adjournment – 9:04 PM Motion to adjourn. Alison moves, John second, passes unanimously. Next meeting May 9th

**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 Spitz". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.