

Free Horizon Montessori
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:01 p.m.
Board Members Present, Jennifer Stickel, Roger Pool, Jill Fricker, Hilary Hobson, Alexandra Ramsay, Jonathon Spitzie, Lisa Cernick
Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kresta Vuolo, Casey Stalker, Kristin Shadowlight
Community Members: Chris Webber, Jan Fox, Miera Nagy
Absent:
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: No changes. Motion to approve by Alexandria, Second by Hilary. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Hilary to approve, second by Alexandra. Approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: Casey shared L El asst. Miranda's college graduation; Spring Fling most successful ever; congrats to C.A.T. at Destination Imagination tourney; Talent Show at Pomona this year; another successful Annual State of the School mtg. (see Principal's dashboard for more.)
5. CSN Update: Future work will include filling positions, parent involvement. The positions we have open are: Communications Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Co-Chair, Assistant to the Treasurer, Marketing Chair, Community Liaison, and Assistant Spring Fling Coordinator. We are also exploring the option of adding a Diversity and Inclusion Chair. Please encourage all interested parties to contact us via email or on the CSN website! The top 3 items we plan to address next year are childcare for board meetings and committee meetings, how to increase parent participation in the CSN, and improving communication with parents and teachers. Sent check to the school for \$120K last month.
6. Staff Update: conferences completed. General interest in PV issue. Meeting on May 15 regarding facility.
7. Principal Update: See dash for more. Kresta and Jill F (parent and BoD member) presented at Colo Montessori Assn and DU College of Education on "Supporting LGBTQ Students and Families." Annual Meeting included BoD Election. H.B. 1375 guarantees share of Mill Levy Override revenue if passed and signed. Very positive enrollment data for August.
8. Facilities Committee: Reports related to Pleasant View availability. Community mtg. on May 15. Play yard on hold for now. Will work for GOCO grant due. Received CDOT Safe Routes to School grant. Jan 2018. Minor hail damage to facility; covered by district umbrella policy.
9. BoD Strategic Planning:

- a. Branding: Committee met – continuing work on icons with Warren Tech. engaging staff to ensure it is an internal process.
- b. Capital Planning: See Facility Report
- c. Internal Communication: Committee met – Miera will work on Communications.
- d. Middle School: MS Linda working on year-long MS Montessori license

SAC meetings May 17th and 21st

10. Officer Election – President. Jen S nominated. Move to close nominations, Roger. Elected by unanimous acclamation.
11. Officer Election – Vice President. Jill F nominated by Jen. M. Move to close nominations, Alexandra. Elected by unanimous acclamation.
12. Officer Election – Secretary. Lisa C nominated by Hilary. Move to close nominations, Jonathon. Elected by unanimous acclamation.
13. Officer Election – Treasurer. Hilary nominated by Jill F. Move to close nominations, Alexandra. Elected by unanimous acclamation.
14. Director at Large Roles (not a voting process)
Back up to Secretary – Roger
Backup to the Treasurer and Liaison to Finance Com – Jonathon
Liaison to the SAC – Alexandra
Liaison to Gov Com – Jill F
Liaison to Facility Com- Alexandra and Jen
SharePoint Admin - Jonathon
15. Annual Board Retreat. Discussion and agreed to a Doodle poll. [subsequent results are Jun 15 & Jul 25.)
16. Community Outreach: Event Calendar
17. Declaration of Executive Session. In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(a), “Matters of Real Estate.” Moved by Alexandra to include Kresta, Casey, Kristin, Megan, and Beth. Approved.
18. Executive Session – Begin Executive Session 7:42pm End Executive Session 8:23pm
19. Assignments:
Chris: BoD self-evaluation for Gov Com
Jen: Doodle Poll for BoD Retreat

Agreed BoD meetings for 2017-2018 School Year will be on the 2nd Thursdays each month, and start at 6:00pm.

20. Adjournment: 8:32 PM Motion to adjourn. Hilary moves, Alexandra 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.*