Free Horizon Montessori
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:01 p.m.
   Board Members Present: Alexandra Ramsay, Chris Webber, Neil Belstock, Jennifer Stickel, Roger Pool, Jill Fricker
   Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kresta Vuolo, Casey Stalker, Kristin Shadowlight
   Community Members: Jennifer Berger
   Absent: Hilary Hobson
   Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto

2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: No changes. Motion to approve by Roger, Second by Neil. Unanimous approval.

3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Neil, second by Jennifer. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment and Celebration: Casey to start in Montessori Credential program. Successful classroom breakfasts, 1st CSN meeting, 1st village night, good walk to school day, school rep on JeffCo DAC, Kresta to serve on principal's committee for JeffCo, Fun Run held. 3 new staff starting in classrooms and BAC.

5. CSN Update: at $8500 turned in from Fun Run with more to come. Grub Club at Chipolte $324. Nov at Jose O'Sheas. Amazon Smile for quarter $1000+. King Soopers for 2 months $1200. CSN Guidebook in development. Spring Fling meeting on Nov 4th. CO Gives Day on Dec 6th. Standing meeting 2nd Tuesday of Month.

6. Staff Update: nothing to report.

7. Principal Update: Door hangers distributed, CPR training to be offered to teachers and parents, conference all finished with parents, International Day of Peace held, School elections held, middle school committee meeting regularly, enrollment numbers presented. Principal goals set up in rubric. Goals set based on helping along teacher retention goals.

8. Facilities Committee: Extended to Oct 1, 2018. Resume 1st meeting in the next month. Look at Safe Routes to School grant within Golden area. Campus Beautification Day Sept 20th.

9. Branding / Communication Committee: Working to define BoD's role in committee and needs. Allow committee to function as needed within that role. BoD role to ensure that this process happens, but practical aspects will be implemented through committee and leadership of the school. Next meeting on Wednesday

10. Bond Refinance: Progress update, CECFA submitted on Oct 11th and will be on the docket for Oct 26th meeting. Draft of bank RFP developed, should be finalized on 14th with distribution to bank listing. 3 weeks to hear back. Pursuing dual track of both bank

and Moral Obs program to see what we can get / gain / cost in each. Next board meeting would be the time to determine to progress along the S&P rating pathway.

11. BoD Strategic Planning:

    a. Branding: See above update
    b. Capital Planning: See above
    c. Internal Communication: See above
    d. Middle School: Alex rep on middle school discussions. Visiting other schools for understandings of 6-8 work. Working towards permanent vision of school.

12. SAC Membership: Jodie Salvati, Chris moves to approve her, Alex seconds, Unanimous approval

13. Board Childcare: Question raised on providing childcare to BoD meetings. Want to encourage family engagement in school functions. Do have potential to have long meetings or uncertain end times. With official school events, child care laws trigger as well as staff times / benefits. Kresta to check with Jennifer Levy on what is possible with school laws etc and see what CSN may be able to fund. Informal support of this by all board members.

14. Testing Results: Presentation by Kresta. Data not ready for full public release until Jan 2017. Already being able to implement some things based on the results.

15. Middle School Growth Modeling: See above.

16. Community Outreach: Event Calendar

17. Assignments: Neil wrote Horizon Line, volunteers for Jan and April (next time)

18. Adjournment: 8:24 PM Motion to adjourn. Neil moves, Roger second, passes unanimously.

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**Secretary**