Free Horizon Montessori
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:03 p.m.
   Board Members Present: Alexandra Ramsay, Chris Webber, Neil Belstock, Jennifer Stickel, Roger Pool, Jill Fricker, Hilary Hobson
   Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kresta Vuolo, Casey Stalker, Kristin Shadowlight
   Community Members: Anna Cetre, Jennifer Herron
   Absent:
   Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto

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

3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Chris to approve with minor minutes adjuments, second by Hilary. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment and Celebration: Campus beautification day was successful. Spooky Kids night out was full. Tapas and Workshoppa with presentations for parents. $10,008 in sales for Scholastic Book Fair. FHM Girls on the Run did a 5k.

5. CSN Update: Spring fling will be Bohemian Dream on April 22nd at Applewood. Maybe look at having fewer projects for live auction to have higher sale. Colorado gives day coming up. Grub club next Wednesday. Dec grub club at Lil' Ricci. Staff needs to come through Beth or Megan to CSN. Supporting Specials gala (Dec 15th) and Grandparents and specials friends day (Nov 18th). Child care during meetings was voted on in June and decided financially it wasn't going to be supported. May be able to have parent volunteers to watch but need to ensure the legality of it.

6. Staff Update: nothing to report.

7. Principal Update: See dash. New staffing started. Superintendent sent out communication about effects of 3A/3B.

8. Finance Committee: with full staff levels, budget is no longer at a deficit but at a slight surplus. Independent audit completed and approved. CEFCA application was approved.

9. Middle School Growth Modeling: Review of how effects of various MS proposals would affect budgets. Motion from Roger to recommend to the MS committee to pursue the shift option that aligns with the finance committee. This motion will be moved to the refinance discussion and vote area.

10. Bond Refinance: Timeline got pushed back a month with the delay in responses from banks. 2 responses back on banking received just prior to meeting so not fully understood. Proposal to push things back a month to allow for data gathering and understanding of options prior to a vote. No vote on this issue tonight but bring back a

Dec BoD meeting. Invite D.A. Davidson to present this issue. Roger moves that the board recommends to the MS committee to focus on the MS shift model for financial modeling presented with the refi package. Neil seconds. Unanimous approval. Need to look at what items on the facilities listing might be able to be completed without the district bond and a more limited refi.

11. BoD Strategic Planning:

    a. Branding: Committee met
    b. Capital Planning: See above
    c. Internal Communication: Committee met
    d. Middle School: See above

12. SAC Membership: Joelie Hogue. Chris moves to accept her membership, Alex seconds. Unanimous approval.

13. FY18 Tuition and Fees: 1st read. Comparing our fees and proposed increases vs neighboring Montessori programs. Vote needs to be next month to be available for prospective families.

14. Charter Board Legal Training: Notes from Kresta attending the meeting. Not too much new from past year. Board not subject to work order CORA. Need to develop policy on charges for CORA prior to requests. Ethics – Board members needs to have undivided loyalty to the organization. May come up in discussions to have disclosure of conflicts. Title 22 (school boards) and Title 24 (Public entities) are both applicable to charter schools. Example Executive session only under 24 and not 22. Destroy electronic recording of executive session at 90 days or subject to CORA and should have more description in minutes on why executive session (example Personal Matter on Evaluation of Principal).

15. Community Outreach: Event Calendar

16. Assignments: Jill (Jan) and Hilary (April) to write for Horizon Line. Colorado Gives day support if possible. Finance committee and facilities committee to work on options for refi and work on school. Jill to draft letter on support of childcare for meetings.

17. Adjournment: 8:39 PM Motion to adjourn. Neil moves, Hilary second, passes unanimously.

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Secretary