

Free Horizon Montessori
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:01 p.m.
Board Members Present: Chris Webber, Neil Belstock, Jennifer Stickel, Roger Pool, Jill Fricker, Hilary Hobson, Alexandra Ramsay
Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kresta Vuolo, Casey Stalker, Kristin Shadowlight
Community Members: Jennifer Herron
Absent:
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: No changes. Motion to approve by Chris, Second by Hilary. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Neil to approve with minor minutes adjustments, second by Roger. Approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: MS Acting camp well attended and movie camps were good fundraisings. Guest speaker for veterans' days with great message for students. Grandparents and special friends' day was highly attended. New facilities manager in place for last 2 weeks.
5. CSN Update: Colorado Gives Day 74 donors \$11,543 donated – 100% BoD participation. CSN meeting will be canceled on the 13th. Spirit gear sale tomorrow after school. Grub club Lil Ricci's on Wednesday next week.
6. Staff Update: nothing to report.
7. Principal Update: See dash. Some staff activities being completed. MS trip to Keystone Science School was completed. Per pupil wording at JeffCo BoE meeting was removed from agenda to be re-addressed in January – potential for charter school boards to address issues between now and then. Unclear how JeffCo bond failure will fully impact all schools. Neil to draft letter from Board to address the “per pupil” concerns to BoE. Also to put concerns and/or letter on CSN site to educate our community on this issue. Parent volunteer concerns address by board on issues found on a background check. Board concurs that this volunteer should not be approved for chaperone.
8. Facilities Committee: Review of Claire Davis Act and potential issues at FHM.
9. FY18 Tuition and Fees: 2nd read and vote. JeffCo has not release their fees or levels for comparison. Raises are as per presentation last month. Neil moves to vote to accept the proposed fees and schedule with the minor changes given. Alex seconds. Question raised on potential to raise tuitions if needed to re-coup some monies if needed by lack of JeffCo funding. Unanimous approval.

10. Bond Refinance: Bottom line is that bond market is now at a point where no savings can be realized. Bank product also didn't have favorable terms. Also uncertainty on what district outlook is. Finance committee is looking at the elementary playground or security upgrades needed and possibly look at a bank loan for that amount. Awaiting RFP information back on play structure. DA Davidson will continue to monitor for us and see if things swing back and we can restart things.

11. BoD Strategic Planning:

- a. Branding: Committee met - moving forward on icon with Warren Tech, engaging staff to ensure it is an internal process. Try to get logo icons ready for Spring Fling. May be able to incorporate website redesign in some of this process.
- b. Capital Planning: See above
- c. Internal Communication: Committee met – incorporated into Branding meeting.
- d. Middle School: Committee met – next Wednesday meeting. Dialogue with SAC to get questions on survey.

12. FY18 Calendar: a few options presented for PD days, noon-dismissals and start/end times. Option where staff can go to AMS conference in Denver just prior to Spring break was favored by staff. Have a fall break outside of district schedule. Board indicates support of option C. Vote to be taken on this calendar next month.

13. Community Outreach: Event Calendar

14. Assignments: Neil to draft letter with Beth to submit to BoE on per pupil wordings. Hilary and Jill to complete board training modules.

15. Adjournment: 8:04 PM Motion to adjourn. Neil moves, Hilary second, passes unanimously.

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Secretary