

Free Horizon Montessori
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:02 p.m.
Board Members Present: Chris Webber, Neil Belstock, Jennifer Stickel, Roger Pool, Jill Fricker, Hilary Hobson, Alexandra Ramsay
Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kristin Shadowlight
Community Members:
Absent: Casey Stalker (excused), Kresta Vuolo (excused)
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: No changes. Motion to approve by Jen, Second by Chris. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Chris to approve with minutes and finance committee, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: 2 new AC supporters and educational assistants, great spotlight night, new video complete
5. CSN Update: Gift exchange to staff over break went well, gearing up for spring fling, ~\$37k this year so far.
6. Staff Update: nothing other than the celebration with good spotlight night.
7. Principal Update: See dash. Good development days for staff. JeffCo BoE concerns. MS curriculum meetings productive and planning for staff involvement 2/17 and Village Night 3/15.
8. FY18 Calendar: Final version with 2 days prior to spring break to allow staff to go to AMS conference. No half days. No discussion. Neil moves to approve. Jill seconds. Unanimous approval.
9. BoD Strategic Planning:
 - a. Branding: Committee to meet next week – update next meeting
 - b. Capital Planning: RFP for play-yard to go out after meeting tomorrow. No bites at pro-bono work. Going to move forward
 - c. Internal Communication: See branding update.
 - d. Middle School: Committee met yesterday. Discussion on how to transition staff and students into the 6-8 model. Also look to how to communicate to our community on what this will look like and how it will be implemented.
10. Principal Letter of Intent: Have agreement by 1/27 to her and hope that Kresta will continue as principal.

11. Letter to JeffCo BoE: JCSC started with letter to keep MLO on a per pupil basis. Internal communications on district budget concerns and alignment. Amendment to policy was eventually removed from agenda, but may be reintroduced at any time. Not on current agenda for tonight's meeting. Question is do we put this letter to the BoE now or wait and see how things go. Board feeling like just need to keep letter internal for now and then will push out if issue arises again.
12. Community Outreach: Event Calendar posted
13. Assignments: Chris to get Principal Letter of Intent to Kresta when she is back. Hilary and Jill to complete board training modules.
14. Adjournment: 7:10 PM Motion to adjourn. Neil moves, Hilary 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.*


Secretary