



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017

Free Horizon Montessori PK-8
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1. Meeting called to order at: 6:01 p.m.
Board Members Present: Chris Webber, Jennifer Stickel, Hilary Hobson, Alexandra Ramsay, Jill Fricker
Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kristin Shadowlight, Casey Stalker, Kresta Vuolo
Community Members: Lisa Cernick
Absent: Roger Pool, Neil Belstock
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Move governance committee out of consent and below principal discussion. Motion to approve by Chris, Second by Alex. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Chris to approve with amendment minutes, finance committee, second by Alex. Approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: All school musical was a success. Good KNO in Feb. 2nd parent education night was small group that was very engaged. Invite to share FHM support with DU students. Set of office furniture from Sports Authority.
5. CSN Update: Email update that Spring Fling is progressing well
6. Staff Update: Report cards almost finished. Peer nominated JeffCo Words winners
7. Principal Update: See dash. Some staff updates. Staff PD on 2/16. JeffCo BoE decision to close Pleasant View Elementary, new superintendent search, busy MS committee to determine how the transition can occur, update on choice enrollment.
 - a. First read of purchase service agreement: May open a dialogue on doing in-house ESL in the future. Other optional service as per used last year.
8. Governance Committee Update: appears to have 4 people offering for 2 BoD positions. Annual meeting on April 27th – final voting to be done then and counted.
9. BoD Strategic Planning:
 - a. Branding and Identity: Standardizing email signatures across campus. Icons under development with Warren Tech students.
 - b. Capital Planning: See facilities' update.
 - c. Internal Communication: No update
 - d. Middle School: Update with Principal dash

10. Play Yard Planning Report: RFP closed on 2/24 with 3 submitted proposals. Facilities committee met on 2/28 to review and score each. Finalize contract should be announced Stone Landscape following board discussions. Initial talks with staff and students on ideas / wants / needs / dislikes for the space. Mid-spring award for safe routes to school education grant.
11. FY18 Budget: First read. Executive summary of proposed budget from 2017-2018. Numbers based off some conservative amount for PPR. Some additional revenue, but also some budget reductions incorporated. May not be able to offer the ELT payout. Got staff feedback on what to address or not be concerned with. Proposed a vote on the updated calendar at the next meeting for approval.
12. Executive Session: Executive session in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) §24-6-402(4)(a), "Matters of Real Estate" Vote with Kresta Vuolo and Beth Helmke as invited guest. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Hilary. Pass unanimously. Started at 7:47 pm.
13. Executive session, guests Kresta Vuolo and Beth Helmke. Matters of Real Estate. Ended executive session at 8:49pm.
14. Community Outreach: no update – JeffCo Consortium meeting with state regulator there. See about having presence there.
15. Assignments: Chris to add vote on updated calendar to next month meeting.
16. Adjournment: 8:51 PM Motion to adjourn. Chris 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