



Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017


Free Horizon Montessori PK-8
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1. Meeting called to order at: 6:00 p.m.
Board Members Present: Chris Webber, Jennifer Stickel, Alexandra Ramsay, Neil Belstock, Hilary Hobson
Staff Members Present: Beth Helmke, Kristin Shadowlight, Casey Stalker, Kresta Vuolo
Community Members: Lisa Cernick
Absent: Roger Pool (excused), Jill Fricker,
Reading of Mission, Vision, and Motto
2. Approval of Agenda for current meeting: Change #13 to FY17 Budget Resolution.
Motion to approve by Chris, Second by Neil. Unanimous approval.
3. Consent Agenda: Motion by Neil to approve with minutes from 3/9/17 second by Alex.
Approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment and Celebration: Great school social. Charter teacher Job Fair attendance went well, Good village night in March, successful Spring break camp.
5. CSN Update: New President and VP elected, Fundraising report at State of School Meeting, working on increasing attendance at next year, improving communications next year.
6. Staff Update: Nothing to report, re-contracting moving forward
7. Principal Update: See dash. Some staff turnover and new positions posted. Full staff development day on 4/3. State testing going on now. MS programming committee moving forward. Good enrollment trends
8. Governance Committee Update: 4 people expressed interest in board, but 3 committed to run. Profiles up on FHM YouTube. Working through some policy manual updates to recommend.
9. Facilities / Capital Planning Committee Updates: Play Yard design initiative working along. Campus beautification day coming soon.
10. FY 18 Budget: 2nd read and vote. One change from last month. \$16k from this year's CSN disbursement that was for play year design to be held over until FY18. Want to ensure that if full funding is realized then we should re-introduce the ELT benefit for staff. Communication to staff by Dec 1, 2017 on how to move forward with this. Hilary moves to approve budget as presented. Alex seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

11. BoD Strategic Planning:
 - a. Branding and Identity: Contracted with Warren Tech to develop icons to help with brand icons. 1st pass viewed and reviewed with them. Notes and ideas back to them.
 - b. Capital Planning: See facilities updates. Some potential pro bono work for expansion plans
 - c. Internal Communication: not here for updates
 - d. Middle School: Covered in principal updates. After state testing, work to get more students inputs.
12. 2017-2018 Calendar: Revision to update on ensuring correct contact days and PD dates. No effect to student / family days but just updates on staff days. Chris moves to accept the revised calendar. Neil seconds. Unanimous approval.
13. FY17 Budget Resolution: Annual statutory resolution that says we have to assign excess funds appropriately. FY16 carried forward reserves. \$270,380 budgetary overage that must be assigned to budget item to carry forward. Alex moves to approve and Hilary seconds. Unanimous approval.
14. Community Outreach: See calendar. JCSC and study session on JeffCo BoE. CLCS meeting in Feb. that spoke to bill to equalize mill levy funding state wide. Training on security measures focused in July.
15. 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, Beth Helmke, Casey Stalker and Kristen Shadowlight as invited guest. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Hilary. Pass unanimously. Started at 6:54 pm.
16. Executive session, guests Kresta Vuolo, Casey Stalker, Kristen Shadowlight, and Beth Helmke. Matters of Real Estate. Ended executive session at 8:15pm.
17. Community Outreach: no update – JeffCo Consortium meeting with state regulator there. See about having presence there.
18. Assignments: None – attend State of School and prep slides as needed. Identify secondary date for family information night -
19. Adjournment: 8:29 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