



School Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Free Horizon Montessori PK-8
Montessori for the 21st Century - A Place to Learn, A Place to Belong

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.
Attendance: Judy Leuhring – Chair/Community Member; Donnetta MacDonald – Assistant Principal; Jennifer Stickel – Parent; Allison Fuhr – Board of Directors President; Jesse Ornelis – Student Success Coach; Jenny Riegel – CSN Rep; Miranda Anderson – Staff Member; John Frost – Board of Directors, VP; David Wells – Parent.
Excused:
2. FHM Mission and Vision
3. Review of Agenda: No updates
4. Community Comments/Celebrations: Music video is in progress with the students. Value awards winner announced. Reconnecting with Outdoor lab through the district – next years 6th graders to Windy Peaks in February with Creighton Middle School. Looking at ideas to implement Field Day at the end of the year with Coach Bree.
5. Review of Prior Minutes: Alison moved to accept minutes as written, Donnetta 2nd. All approved.
6. CMAS Schedule: Not released to full staff yet. Looking to set up empty classrooms for remote families to allow for designated environments. Extra weeks in the allowed schedule that will allow to not mix cohorts and help with remote learners. May bump into MAP testing window. 3rd graders was a harder scheduling set up to make sure that we aren't mixing cohorts. Opt-out vs COVID excused. Testing at home not allowed so if remote students don't feel they should come in the it is COVID excused. COVID excused won't count against school participation in testing. May be able to continue to do specials classes during the testing time. If an in-person student opts out of testing, may ask them to do remote learning for the testing times of that class.
7. Survey Update: Data just released yesterday afternoon – not reviewed with the staff. Do deeper dive next meeting but look at a few items quickly vs JeffCo district levels. Next meeting look at highs and low and compare to prior years. Hope to develop items to work on. Also be able to review Colorado Tell (teacher and staff view). May also have student results (MYVH) for next time as well. Request to get some version (pdf?) of the data to the members to review in advance of the next meeting.

8. AMS Accreditation: Review of narrative for planning time for teachers and training for new staff. Share out the presentation for new teachers (I've got 5 minutes explain Montessori to me) with the BoD for new board members as well as new committee members. Next year will focus on instructional information but should have this policy section done on time.
9. COVID Dashboard / Plans for coming school year: Options for staff that are interested in the vaccine – many leading to the 2nd shot. Looking at only offering in-person at FHM next year. Remote learning to be offered through the district (non-Montessori). Not sufficient interest in FHM community to look at a variance to offer remote as well. Not sure of what the compliance and such will be needed next year.
10. DIBELS review: Series of 1 minute drills to look at early literacy skills. State required test. Happens 3 times a year (together with MAP). Mid-year testing of K students shows a jump in Well below – often seen as the questions get harder. Montessori also teaches reading differently to standard schools. 1, 2, and 3rd grades show decreasing numbers below benchmark between beginning and middle of year. Overall comparison to district shows lower percentage of students vs district at the below benchmark. Have informal goals at grade level, but might look at a specified goal to help with some of the dips (K specific dip).
11. Board Meeting Update: Communication is one of the BoD strategic goals. Starting to see the effort along the lines all the way through. Also BoD wants to know if there is anything within the surveys and such that can get communicated out. Finance also starting to review the budget for next year.
12. Next meeting: April 7th @ 5:30pm
13. Meeting adjourned – 6:48 p.m.



Secretary