



School Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 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; John Frost – Board of Directors, VP; David Wells – Parent; Miranda Anderson – Staff Member; Jenny Riegel – CSN Rep.
Excused: Jesse Ornelis – Student Success Coach;
2. FHM Mission and Vision
3. Review of Agenda: No updates
4. Community Comments/Celebrations: Good items advertised for CSN spring fling.
5. Review of Prior Minutes: No adjustments to be made.
6. CMAS Update: No mis-administrations on testing thus far. Adjustments made by CDE as to what testing needed to be done – FHM decided to continue with the plan will mean that additional optional tests will be done. No science for 5th graders.
7. Family Partnership Survey Update: Think of difference between engaged vs unhappy vs unengaged. Reviewed idea of dis-engagement cycle and would need to find a way to break out of it. Std 1: Celebrate safe environment, focus on welcoming / participations. Not surprising, areas of interest in the past as well. Std 2: Celebrate information of social standing in school. Std 3: Overall higher responses. Std 4: Legal rights question problematic. Std 5: Lower then district across most questions. Std 6: Questions on community vs neighborhood. JeffCo Vision: Lots of high levels. Reflects that families feel the Montessori values and skills. Overall looks like had some impact in moving to the new building and transition to JeffCo Option school. May have taken a few years to adjust to the rules and expectations. May also have a different mix of families at the school that may not be at FHM purely for Montessori education.
 - ? Communication overall lower, specific areas higher. May reflect that teachers are distributing things better, admin / district not as good?
 - ? Is there a way for Donnetta to see what schools are the best in each area and see if we can connect with them to see if we can learn from them
 - ? Need to look at actionable tasks that would be able to be done regardless of COVID or other restrictions. Also tie actions into school goals so that it aligns with engagement. Would help to gain Montessori information as well as incorporate engagement.

- Overall appears that classrooms / teachers are at the higher end of scores and lower areas are within overall school or district.
 ? How do we ask question to the school – can it go on the Facebook one? Not encouraged for staff / admin to post and answer so that the communication happens to the proper school people. Emails and communications to the school can be confusing still. Can we give families a 3 step process on how to get information from the school?
 ? Email and website: Overall design and rules are what IT or school want to see. But not looking at what people need to find and what teachers need to use and then design website or email designs. What do the teachers need? What do our families need?
 Then add on the school requirements. Is it mobile friendly?

8. Annual Meeting: Presentation of slides – created by Donnetta. Not much new data for SAC review. April 27th. Ideas proposed on how to get family feedback on areas of growth after we review our findings. Use next Board Coffee online meeting to all Board Sub-committees and get parents involved. Also use email and in-person at pick up.
9. COVID Dashboard: Going well with vaccines across the staff, no concerns with cases at school.
10. Board Meeting Update: Board meeting tomorrow. Electrons have 2 candidates for 2 spots. State of school on 27th. One member just resigned so there will likely be an interim appointment if another candidate isn't found. Budget review at the next BoD meeting.
11. Next meeting: Date pending getting additional MYVH data or feedback from State of the school.
12. Meeting adjourned – 7:05 p.m.