

Meeting Minutes – Board Meeting FCMS

2/25/2026

Attendees –

Jim Bexfield

Rosa Cruz

Sara Parker

Danielle Golubski

Lorie Federman

Kenneth Boehr

Steve Schrager

Rosa started meeting at 6:05pm

Read the mission

Parent comment –

no comments provided

Paul's report –

Several waitlist students – seats were sent out to 3 and 4 year olds

October 1 is the cutoff for public school funding ends – cannot move on the waitlist after that point due to funding

Told people that FCMS is full and don't have space but also discussed tours

42 students who have applied who have continuous Montessori experience outside of FCMS – people intending to move to Fort Collins if they get into FCMS

May need to reduce the number of 3 and 4 year olds dependent on how many kindergartners are in the classrooms

Typically 30-40 applicants because parents that went to Montessori schools typically seek out those types of schools.

Not going to impact current charter schools but new precedent will be established for charter schools in the district

District is about to fire several teachers because they do not have enough children

Will continue to monitor enrollment and projections for students

Drills continue to improve, hold them at different times during the day

Continuing to improve the speed of getting kids out of the building for drills

Continuing process for third upper elementary – signed proposal that Elder sent out to engage in subcontractors and workers

Not going to raise the teacher shelf and cabinet – will save \$5,000 not moving it

Looking at various issues with building and concrete – Julio came out to look at rock – suggested removal of all rock and put a retaining wall built instead of trying to pour another concrete slab due to cost – can be done over the summer – should be under warranty because it's falling off and is a compaction issue

Went to diploma required course for AMI – interesting to learn deep dive based on shared understandings from course works and albums – all have done the exams

Discuss adult behaviors that unlock child learning vs. adult behaviors that prevent it

Exploring and testing out things lies in the perfect presentation – means the child will learn all that is possible and the limitations within

Staff on board with attending annually – went San Francisco conference when COVID came out, lost one of the teachers due to COVID due to complications, back to going to conferences now

Financials – Jim Bexfield

Financials are still in good shape

Payment includes principal this year so in a better position than last year

Proposed budget for next year to board in March board meeting – needs to go to the district by April

Lorie – PVC

PVC is doing great –

Spring event on May 2nd – all invited to attend

Gardening committee is amazing – Laura has a whole notebook and trying to get the guides more involved next year – one parent per classroom to be a garden liaison

No money is left on grant but have asked for \$500 per year to fund the garden updates

Restaurant nights out make couple hundred each event

Next one is Buena Vita

Yearbook committee – all pictures are together and ready to be put into a book

\$6,500 from the budget this year went to the PVC – have \$1,057 left over – whatever is left over will go to the staff room or extra snacks

Shannon – Big Give

Minimum distributions – can that be encouraged from people in the retirement age?

Move to adjourn – Lorie – Jim Second – everyone in favor