

School Accountability Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm
Attendance: Judy Leuhring – Chair/Community Member; Jesse Ornelis - Assistant Principal; Ben Dodson - Board of Directors, Member at large; David Wells - Parent; Ty Leuhring - Parent; Suzanne Diekman - Instructional Coach; Starr Svaldi – Success Coach
2. FHM Mission and Vision
3. Review of Agenda
4. Community Comments: No Public Comments
5. Review of Prior Minutes: No previous minutes as this is the first SAC meeting of the year.
6. [DIBELS and MAP Data Review](#) Beginning of the Year (BOY)

DIBELS data reflected expected and acceptable reading levels. MAP data, however, showed that math scores need improvement schoolwide. Math has been an area of need for several years. For perspective, math skills are showing a slump nationwide.

In response, we have made maximizing instructional time the school-wide professional goal for all staff. In math, we are insisting on math instruction every day for every student and are using MAP data to target that instruction to student need. An adaptive math program called Mobi Max will be used and is particularly helpful in giving student instruction and practice to fill any holes in their math skills. In Middle School, Ms. Kathy is a very strong math teacher and has had success bring up scores.

7. Communications Ground Work

The committee is in agreement that we need to tackle this area of need this year. Last year's [Family and School Partnership survey results](#) showed that preschool parents in particular are not satisfied with the amount of communication coming from the school. The survey also shows a downward trend in communication in general over the years. The committee decided to make our starting place an itemization of our [current communication avenues](#).

For the next meeting, Judy will research communications apps available. Jesse will break down the current communication avenues by grade level.

8. BOD update

The board has approved three teacher work day additions to the calendar and the board has a full membership.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for 11/16
10. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm