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COUNCIL/SAC MEETING AGENDA

April 17, 2025, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

[Google Meets Link](#)

Invite, Inform, Connect

In addition to its role as a vital governance mechanism, Council meetings offer an opportunity to nurture productive and strategic intentions aimed at serving the community at large. The goal of every council meeting should be for community members to leave feeling informed, inspired, and impassioned to contribute to fulfilling the school’s vision and mission.

Facilitator: Sarah, Travis, GBC

Minutes: Michelle

Time Keeper: Sarah

Online Moderator: Elizabeth

| Items | Notes | Who | Time |
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| Welcome | Mindfulness | Kristen | 5:30 (5 min) |
| | Community Building & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce yourself • Ice-breaker question | Travis | 5:35 (15 min) |
| Head of School Updates School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting | Principal’s Report - Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Budget Cuts and Possible Effects • Budget • Finance Review Committee (FRC) Recommendations | JGBC | 5:50 (30 min) -20 min presentation -10 min discussion/Q&A |
| | Principal’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMAS Participation Update | | 6:20 (5 min) - 3 min update - 2 min discussion |



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| | DAC Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates from District Accountability (DAC) meeting ● Questions/Feedback to the School Accountability Committee (SAC) from the DAC ● Questions/Feedback for the DAC from the SAC | | 6:25 (10 min) |
| Hawks Happenings and Celebrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lynn-5/6 Suitcase Project | Faculty | 6:35 (15 min) |
| Committee Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development Committee ● Equity Diversity & Belonging ● Horizon's Community Group <p>See below for details</p> | Committees | 6:50 (30 min) -5 min update for each committee -3 min discussion after each update |
| Items for Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacuum Cleaners Revisited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilities Misquoted Price <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12 Waxy Quote \$5,707 ○ Broomfield Vacuum Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6 RICCAR r25s vacuums (\$399 w/discount) \$2,513 | | 7:20 (10 min) - 1 minute proposal -3 minute discussion - 1 minute vote |
| Adjourn | Thank you for coming! | Council Members | 7:30 |

5-Minute Mindfulness Practice



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1. Find a Comfortable Space (1 minute)

- Sit or lie down in a comfortable position. You can close your eyes or keep them softly open with a downward gaze.
- Let your body relax. Take note of any tension in your muscles and release it. Let your hands rest in your lap or at your sides.

2. Focus on Your Breathing (2 minutes)

- Take a deep breath in through your nose, hold for a moment, and exhale slowly through your mouth.
- Now, let your breath find a natural rhythm. Pay attention to the sensation of your breath as it moves in and out. Feel your chest or belly rise on each inhale and fall on each exhale.
- If your mind starts to wander, gently guide your attention back to your breath.

3. Body Scan (1 minute)

- Shift your attention from your breath to your body. Start at the top of your head and slowly move down.
- Notice how each part of your body feels. Are there any areas of tightness, warmth, or discomfort? Simply observe, without judgment, and relax each part as you scan downward—forehead, neck, shoulders, chest, back, arms, legs, and feet.

4. Anchor to the Present Moment (1 minute)

- Focus on the present. Listen to the sounds around you, feel the surface you're sitting on, and notice the temperature of the air on your skin.
- Take a moment to mentally acknowledge, "I am here, in this moment." Let any lingering thoughts or distractions pass without engaging with them.

5. Closing the Practice

- Take one final deep breath in, and as you exhale, imagine releasing any remaining tension or stress.
- Slowly bring your awareness back to your surroundings. Wiggle your fingers or toes, and when you're ready, gently open your eyes.

Committee Updates

- **Wanna know what's happening and when?:**
 - Add the school's calendar to your iCal or GCal using this link:
https://ho8.bvsd.org/calendar/calendar_602.ics
- **Development Committee:**
 - **What:** Oversees fundraising and marketing efforts. Parent volunteers work with the administration to develop campaigns to raise money for all of the extra programming that



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- **When:** The Development committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30. ***Our next meeting is May 6th, 2025 from 2:30pm - 3:30pm***
- **How to get involved:** If you are skilled or enthusiastic (or both!) about fundraising, marketing, and events planning, or if you'd like to help us meet our development goals in any way, we would love to see you at our next meeting. For more information on joining the Development Committee, contact the Assistant Head of School, Kristin Hauger at kristin.hauger@bvsd.org
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Prom Rewind Auction & Gala** - Prom Rewind, Embassy Suites
 - Get your tickets: <https://ho8.ejoinme.org/promrewindtickets>
 - [Now Accepting Sponsorship Levels HK8 Prom Rewind 2025](#)
 - Reach out to Hk8auction@gmail.com if you have sponsorship and/or auction/raffle donations
 - Dine and Donate in Review:
 - Sweet Cow - \$380.48
 - Settembre Cellars - \$270.34
 - Organic Sandwich - \$260
 - BIGKIDSPRAYTOO - Designer DIG Studio
 - Annual Report
 - **Social Media Committee**-Looking for people to create a robust social media presence for our school. Email hk8socialmedia@gmail.com for more info
 - [#BIGKIDSPRAYTOO TimeLine and Updates](#)
- **Equity, Diversity, & Belonging (EDB):**
 - **What:** Parent volunteers meet with Faculty, and Staff. Any and all community members are welcome!
 - **When:** The EDB committee meets as needed
 - **How to get involved:** We are always welcoming new members.. Please join us! If you are interested to join our email list of notifications of meetings and sharing ideas, please email hk8edb@gmail.com.
 - **Events:** EDB hosts workshops, coffee connections, and book fairs, all to develop a sense of belonging and share perspectives we may otherwise miss.
 - **How to Grow a Conversation Garden. Monday April 21st 6:30-8** The proposed session, "How to Grow a Conversation Garden" will be an interactive session designed to help participants cultivate their capacity for meaningful conversations across differences. Using the metaphor of a garden, the session explores the essential elements needed for generative dialogue—creating a



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- **Banned Book Club**-Aprils offering **The Best at it by Maulik Pancholy**. From actor Maulik Pancholy comes an incredibly charming, heartfelt middle grade debut about Rahul Kapoor, a gay Indian American boy coming into his own in a small town in the Midwest. Funny, charming, and incredibly touching, this is a story about friendship, family, and the courage it takes to live your truth.
- **Be the Change- What is it?** A bite sized monthly practice you can do to make a huge impact on your child and your community. The Equity, Diversity, and Belonging Committee created this call to action to help our community make a bigger impact on our world. We all have the ability to create positive ripple effects. Let's create a better world! *We are always accepting ideas for Be the Change.* **April-**
Let's Celebrate Diversity. Celebrating diversity means recognizing and valuing the unique qualities, backgrounds, and perspectives of individuals, fostering understanding, and creating inclusive environments where everyone feels respected and valued.
- **Padlet**-Share ideas and insights on the books we are reading. EDB has created a [Link to EDB Banned Book Padlet](#) for all of us to share our thoughts and insights on these amazing books. You can find all the books from last year and the new books for this year. Share your thoughts and let's connect asynchronously!

- **Horizons Community Group (HCG):**

- **What:** A collection of Parent volunteers who help to plan events and promote a strong, vibrant, socially active community at Horizons. Liaisons are also under the umbrella of HCG. All are welcome!
- **When:** The HCG/liaisons meet on the last Tuesday morning of the month. HCG hosts Coffee Connections which meets the first Friday morning of the month. *We are always looking for ideas for Coffee Connections.*
- **How to get involved:** For more information go to helpatschools.com or email horizonscommunitygroup@gmail.com or horizonsk8.org
- **Upcoming Events:**



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- **Spirit Week, April 21-25** Thank you Marybeth for putting this together! Selling spirit wear Friday April 18th at pizza friday, or you can order online.
Monday-Dress in Color
Tuesday-Wear your silliest socks
Wednesday-Silly Hair Day
Thursday-Show off your athletic pride
Friday-Show off your school colors!
 - **Neurodiversity Support Group** Tuesdays 6:30 March 11th, 18th April 8,15,~~22~~,29 Would you like to connect with other parents of neurodivergent youth at Horizons? Consider joining us for facilitated discussion and resource sharing. Email kate.bachtel@bvsd.org to register.
 - **Raising Balanced Kids in a Digital Age, Monday, April 28th 6:30-8:30**
Brought to us by our counselors. Presented by guest speaker Michael Vladeck. Michael is a nationally recognized expert in teaching conscious parenting, and helping parents raise balanced, grounded and emotionally intelligent children in our current digital culture.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th thru the 9th.** Let's celebrate our teachers and staff during the national teacher appreciation week. This year we are doing a little more of a collaborative style. All offerings will be brought to the teachers lounge. Except for cards your kiddos make for Thursday. Sign up at helpatschools
Monday-Fruit
Tuesday-Sweet treats/breakfast and coffee
Wednesday-HCG catering lunch
Thursday-cards from students
Friday-flowers
 - **Coffee Connections May 2nd 8:30-10.** Banned Book Meeting. Come talk about the banned books we have read this year, and last! All are welcome. Reading is not required.
 - **Bring your favorite dish and Council**, May 8th, 5-5:30 before Council. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy with our community. Sign up at helpatchools
 - **Plant Sale, May 9th 11:30-2**, Come get all your starts for the gardening season. Still some opportunity to volunteer for the sale and make signage now for around the school. Sign up at hlepatschools.
 - **End of year all school picnic, May 22nd 12-2 12-2** Join your community to enjoy lunch and say goodbye till next year, or make some plans for the summer. Bring watermelon or fruit to share. Sign up at helpatschools
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Concordance

What is it and why is it important?

The concordance model of decision-making and voting is used at all Horizons meetings council, board meetings, and faculty meetings. Concordance serves as an extension of the idea that clearly communicating with each other in a safe space allows for everyone to have a voice in the discussion. It allows for disagreement and exploration of alternate ideas fostering better mutual understanding and a more inclusive decision making.

The Concordance Voting Process:

- A valid motion is brought forth.
- A discussion regarding verbiage typically precedes the motion being seconded.
- Once a motion has been seconded, the voting members proceed with a vote.
- If unanimous agreement is reached, the motion passes.
- If unanimous agreement is not reached, those who are not in agreement are encouraged to present what they are objecting to and offer alternate solutions/amendments.
- Following a discussion, the original motion is often modified and the process repeats.