Facility Schools Board
Minutes of Meeting
September 4, 2025

In Person Venue: Havern School 4000 S Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123

In attendance:
Board Members Present: Steven Ramirez, Carolena Steen, Mylynda Herrick, Doug Hainley, Sonjia Hunt, Megan Coggins, Rebecca Carpenter

Staff Present: Judy Stirman, Wendy Dunaway, Robin Singer, Lori Kochevar, Allie Miller, Tara Butler, Annie Haskins, Celina Uliberri, Carrie Foster, Margarita Colindres

Meeting Commencement:
Co-Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for August 7, 2025
Co-Chair Ramirez entertains a motion to accept the Board minutes.
Board member Coggins makes a motion to approve the August 7, 2025, minutes, and Board member Carpenter seconds. The Board unanimously approves minutes.

Approval of September 4, 2025, Agenda:
Co-Chair Ramirez entertains a motion to accept the agenda.
A motion was made by Board member Carpenter seconded by Board member Herrick to approve the August 8, 2025, agenda. The Facility Schools Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Public Comment – Members of the public who wish to address the board must sign up 24 hours prior to the meeting.

- No public comment provided.

Team Updates:
CDE/ESSU/Facility Internal Updates, Judy Stirman**-** Introduced our newest members Margarita Colindres our new multilingual coordinator and Carrie Foster, IEP System Trainer/State Assessments. Also, CDE is moving to a new HR system which includes electronic timesheets.

Senate Bill/Accreditation, Wendy Dunaway- The third party evaluator is on board and in Phase 1, looking at existing data. The Workgroup Annual Report to the JBC is drafted and under review. The Facility Schools Workgroup meets Friday, September 5. CDE continues to develop the accreditation report. The 26-27 state budget may impact the number of new facility schools the board can approve.

Monitoring Update, Robin Singer- Two monitoring visits have been completed already this year. Facility schools annual reports are due September 25, 2025. Ann and Robin are working with Annie and Carrie on a combined training on Evaluation and Eligibility.

Project Education, Annie Haskins- First year for Project Education roll out, providing lots of training in person and remotely. Today is the Kick Off for DAC State Assessments training. Much of the time has been spent on Project Education training and onboarding Carrie to the systems. Two Facility schools have been visited with Margarita, Annie and Carrie.

Multilingual Support, Margarita Colindres- Looking at data that is collected at intake to support identification procedures. Reviewing information gathered for students and updating documents. Considering adding Project ML to Project Education. Looking at next steps after identification of services.

Data Management and Systems Support, Lori Kochevar and Celina Ulibarri – Offering Infinite Campus training and support. Crossover with Tara Butler with iReady and IXL. Setting up new schools on systems. October Count email has been sent.

Technical Assistance Center, Allie Miller- 74 people in attendance at Rural Training Session. Team of 5 BCBA's are available for support to rural districts.

Assistant Attorney General, Jenna Zerylnick, Jason Langberg-Having lots of conversations about Out of District placements, working on updates to OOD manual, incorporating more information about Multilingual students and 504.

Academic Systems-Tara Butler, provided 16 on site and virtual trainings since the start of the school year. Kaleidoscope is progressing well.

Staffing and Advisory board update from PRN-David Molineux-Charles Elias-school started at PRN and is going well. 40 hours of training were offered to staff including deescalation strategies since it is a no restrain facility. Administration is learning new data systems. Students appear to feel safe and supported. David Molineux gave special thanks to Board member Coggins for extra support and food from the food bank. The facility had a sewer issue which will be repaired when school is not in session. An advisory board has been developed, Three internal staff and seven from the community. The school currently has six students. Hoping to hire a new teacher and expand to twelve students. David has received referrals from multiple districts. Board member Coggins shared a story of a JeffCO student who requested a locker, and PRN staff went above and beyond to meet the request. Board member Steen felt that there should be representation from an education stakeholder. Board Member Coggins will reach out to JeffCO schools for potential interest.

Board review of CDE Facility Schools 2024-25 Monitoring Summary-Robin Singer presented a PowerPoint summarizing the data collected during monitoring visits.

Havern Presentation-Robyn Ledebuhr, Director of Havern provided updates from the start of the school year. 8/13/25 was the first day of school. District observations for new students are occurring, potentially six more student enrollments. The current enrollment includes three school district students, four private pay students are enrolled in the program. Maximum capacity is twelve, eight facility school students. The first IEP meeting is scheduled for next week.

Real Life Colorado/Learning Zone Presentation-Aiden Attreau, Director Real Life, Colorado, Learning Zone-Facility school was approved two years ago. Staffing has increased, new positions have been added and staff retention is strong. There are twelve full time, three part time employees. There has been an increase in space for classrooms and a sensory gym. Several grants have been awarded to purchase Chrome Books, Smart Boards, iPads for students and staff for communication. A security camera has been installed. They worked with an organization to create a three year strategic plan. A grant was used to purchase vans for field trips and community outings and a sensory gym. The school is using the Readtopia which works on the Four Blocks of Literacy. Additional grants have been secured to have this unique AAC immersive school researched. Since opening, four students have successfully been discharged back to their districts. The agency is hoping to increase enrollments from public schools and has implemented multiple interventions to do so. They are currently down 25% in enrollment. Board member Coggins suggested an increase in age may help enrollment. In addition, due to the school not accepting students with significantly aggressive behaviors, referrals are limited. The school was encouraged to share current success stories in order to change the perception of the school and collaborate with districts to provide services in the public school.

Board Dialogue Topic: School Lunch- The board discussed possible solutions and resources to address the barriers for all facility schools to be eligible for meal reimbursement, in particular, those that are for-profit agencies. The topic will be continued at a future meeting.

FS Work Group Annual Report Draft-Wendy Dunaway, The draft will be discussed at the work group meeting - board members are encouraged to review and provide feedback.

Board Dialogue Topic: Accreditation-Wendy Dunaway, Board feedback has been incorporated into the draft report. The board reviewed and discussed current data points included in the report.

Next Month Board Dialogue Topics: Accreditation, school lunch, compliance issues, incident reports and physical managements in specialized day schools (tracking, accountability, reporting).

Board Member responsible for Board Corner of next monthly newsletter-Tara Butler, Board member Hanley has October highlighting Havern. Board member Coggins offered to do the Real Life CO/Learning Zone in November.

Kaleidoscope Conference Preparation, Tara Butler- there are 19 presenters so far, registration was sent out this week and will be open for a month. Remember that there will be NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES provided at the conference. The conference opens at 8:30. Board members will present awards at 9:00. A room has been reserved for board members providing an opportunity for facility school staff to meet members. There will be no board meeting during that time. Board meeting day will be on Oct 9. Awards will be presented on both days. Thursday will be Category I and II schools, category III will be on Friday.

Document Steward Update: No updates as there will not be a meeting in October.

Adjournment of Meeting: Co-Chair Ramirez adjourns the meeting.

Next Meeting Date – November 13, 2025, at Shiloh Family Resource Pavilion 9700 E Easter Lane, Centennial, CO 80112