



Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 25, 2019 at 8:30 AM

Location

ECHS Auxiliary 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Development Committee Members

Julie Vo, Co-Chair

Denise Berger, Co-Chair

Alison Diaz

Cathy Creasia

Lucy Tseng

Guests

Ken Deemer

Farnaz Golshani Flechner

Development Committee Charter

- Partners with staff to develop sustainable, long-term financial resources to support the organization's mission and strategic plan
 - Reviews and proposes plans for fundraising, including capital campaigns, grant proposals, individual giving, program giving, special events, and campaigns,
 - Sets and reviews Board 'give / get' expectation

 - Participates in planning, organizing, hosting and/or sponsoring fundraising activities
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- Note: Committee is NOT responsible for raising money, but helps to ensure that funds are raised. Encourages all board members to participate in the process

Committee Goals 2018-2019

- Monitor and report progress on board of directors' individual commitment forms.
- Monitor the success and support the execution of the fundraising plan
- Review upcoming events, foundation proposals (for reference) and prospective funders/donors and make introductions as appropriate.
- Ensures the board is equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to support a culture of fundraising
- Prospect individuals, strategies and resources to support fundraising and development goals

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Committee Members Present

Alison Diaz, Dr. Denise Berger, Julie Vo

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Ken Deemer

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Julie Vo called a meeting of the Development Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Thursday Apr 25, 2019 at 8:39 AM.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to Approve the Agenda.

Alison Diaz seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Fundraising Progress & Fund Development Strategy (2019-2020)

- \$347K shy of our fundraising goal
- \$700K in pending grants; Ahmanson grant proposal for \$250K for bathrooms and other renovations at ECMS-I
- \$41K shy of general funding for this year
- Discussion of strategy with shift to grants
- Discussed possibility of others with influence joining the Development committee or Board
- **Recommendation: A board development committee that meets 1-2 a year that could be a pipeline for board membership later;**
 - Hosting an intimate dinner
 - Host a Rotary Meeting
 - Tap into qiana's community
- Kinecta-
 - Alison to follow up with KA
 - Why shift focus if grants is working?
 - Diversification - having more sources of funding, positive source of income for creative programing; restrictive sources of funding for grant funding

B. ECS Websites

- Love the website; for information for a parent or student
- As a potential donor didn't see anything on the sit about we need your help; \$1K would send a student to this....levels of giving

- We need your support on a banner at the top
- Clicking on help us grow and soar takes you nowhere
- Banner across the top of every page; plays on plants growing; kids growing; click here; we need your support

C. ECS 20th Anniversary (2020-2021)

- School on Wheels (EP) - possibly collaborate with ECS
- Event at Shade Hotel?
- 20th Anniversary in 2020/2021
- KD's example
 - In the past, smaller events at \$20K, 20th anniversary netted \$150K+
 - Recognized a prominent commercial photographer
 - Recipient brought in venue, high profile attendees, sponsors
 - Large organizing committee
 - Who might we honor
 - Eli Broad
 - Mark Gold
 - Andy Lipkis at Blackwater
 - Board prospects?
 - KA or RL?
 - KD's commitment
 - **Text to Give App - Pledge Link (event)**

D. Development Committee Membership

- What should our board and committee make-up and strategy be?
 - Re-think our board and dev committee recruitment process
 - Majority of our funding for the past 20 years has come from foundation donors
 - Have not seen a shift in individual giving
 - Have had some success in getting more corporate donations;

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Vo