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River Valley Charter School

Minutes

Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
RVCS Middle School Great Room
2 Perry Way
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Committee Members Present
C. Getz, E. Bradley, K. Kuse, M. Connerton (remote), M. Curcio, M. Makin, T. Murdy

Committee Members Absent
E. Rankin, J. Leslie

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Kuse called a meeting of the Development Committee of River Valley Charter School to order on Tuesday Feb 3, 2026 at 6:16 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Minutes

T. Murdy made a motion to approve the minutes from Development Committee Meeting on 01-06-26.
C. Getz seconded the motion.
Meg C. Abstained-not at the last meeting
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Development at RVCS

A. Annual Appeal Update & Review

Annual Fund — numbers amount, not available. Still ahead of where we were last year in both in amount and number of donations. Gifts still tricking in but not in the burst we initially saw.

Next year we need a more consistent process for getting thank you cards out more efficiently for volunteers.

Do we need a development director?

What steps worked well this year in terms of the annual fund roll out-
1. Training dinner was very valuable in terms of answering the why? “Eye opening and more than informative.”
2. The party last week- volunteer appreciation event- was also valuable.

B. Review of Development Plan

Events looking forward that bring community together—new family event. Let’s bring back the Custom House in May for new families mixed with 8th grade parents.

Consideration of a generous giver reception for people who give over $500.

Charitable fund opportunities discussed—

Institution for Savings Charitable Foundation - need to start the paperwork now and begin building that relationship.

Mason's Charitable Children's Fund- start with sending them a read a thon sponsorship.

Part time grant writing support would be ideal and Karen is exploring this.

C. Read A Thon (2/2-2/13/2026)

Read A Thon dates 2/2-2/13/2026
As of Day 2: Update: $10,417; Total Minute Read: 2778
Karen read to both kinderhaus classes—"Robert the Rose Horse."
Shout out Chris Getz who is one of our sponsors!
More print flyers coming next Friday. Current will feature an article
2/13—Celebration Day for end of read a thon delivery of treats

D. End of Year Summary - Annual Report

III. 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 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Bradley

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