F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday November 9, 2016 at 6:45 PM

Location

Room 27 at the Parker School, 49 Antietam Street, Devens MA 01434

Trustees Present

C. Beasley, C. Lower, C. Regan-Davi, C. Stack-Haan, J. Adams, J. Bartsch, J. Wood, K. Reeves, M. VanderWilden, S. Roach, T. Sumner

Trustees Absent

J. Howard, L. Warner, T. Espinola

Guests Present

K. Tedstone, M. McKenna, Richard Thomas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Lower called a meeting of the board of trustees of F.W. Parker Charter Essential School to order on Wednesday Nov 9, 2016 at 6:45 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

- S. Roach made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-11-16 Board Meeting on 10-11-16.
- J. Bartsch seconded the motion.

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

D. Award presentation from Board on Track

Richard Thomas from Board on Track presented award to Cheryl and Todd for Excellence in Governance – Partnership Excellence.

II. Topics for Discussion

A. Committee goals for next two years

Cheryl tasked each committee to develop 2 year plans to guide their work. These plans should be completed prior to the January Retreat.

Jane proposed a question re: facilitator and structure of board retreat.

B. Sizer Foundation

Peter will be temporary signatory for Sizer Foundation, stepping in because of Kathy Signh's passing. Sizer Foundation is actively looking for a new Treasurer.

III. Principal's Report

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Diversity: MaryWren proposed the question of having a discussion of race and diversity at the Board level, in response to literature included in Principal's Report.

Business Partnerships/Relationships: Todd to upload list of Devens businesses to Board on Track

Raise the Roof Event: Successful event in the library. Future community meetings dates/locations will be made available to Board members.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Finance Committee: Q1 update— enrollment on track but not complete. Numbers will be more stable by January.

B. Governance Committee

Governance Committee: Request for board members to bring laptops or tablets to December's meeting so work can be done real-time in Board On Track.

V. Public Comments

A. New item

There were no comments from the public.

VI. New Business

A. New item

No new items of business were raised.

VII. 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 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Reeves

B. Executive Session