

F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 13, 2017 at 6:45 PM

Location

Room 27 at the Parker School

Trustees Present

C. Igoe, C. Regan-Davi, G. Penna, J. Howard, J. LaPlatney, J. Saxe, K. Reeves, L. Warner, M. VanderWilden, S. Roach, T. Espinola, T. Sumner

Trustees Absent

C. Stack-Haan, J. Bartsch, M. Turnbull

Guests Present

D. Kruse, K. Tedstone, M. McKenna, N. Dudensing, S. McNamara

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Roach called a meeting of the board of trustees of F.W. Parker Charter Essential School to order on Wednesday Sep 13, 2017 at 6:50 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. VanderWilden made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 06-13-17 Board Meeting on 06-13-17.

T. Espinola seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Introduction - Get to know you Exercise

A.

Parker Habits of Learning

Parker Board Members and guests introduced themselves. The Parker Staff (D. Kruse) led conversation regarding the Parker School Habits of Learning. These are the habits the Parker community expects its students to develop and exhibit in their academic work and in daily life. Three questions were discussed by the Board Members - 1) Which of these habits is a strength for you? 2) Which of these habits is a growing edge for you? 3) Which of these habits do you admire/appreciate in teammates? Habits of Learning included Inquiry, Expression, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Organization, Attentiveness, Involvement, and Reflection.

The staff proposed the following changes to Parker's Habits of Learning: Add Perseverance as a new habit and remove the language from Organization, change the habits to "I" statements, and remove "in school and daily life..."

B. Board Activity - Habits of Learning

C. Norms and Goals Review

Board members discussed the Norms and Standards for the year. Board members are encouraged to read and review them from the board packet.

III. Principal's Report

A. Principal's Report

T. Sumner talked about Parker's essential question for the year "How can we make tomorrow better than today?" He also informed the board about Facilities update including the roof and the summer work that has been accomplished. Some next steps include shoveling protocols. A Technology update included a \$300K invested in wireless and laptop carts, re-designed server infrastructure, cloud-based storage plan, teacher training, digital portfolios. T. Sumner touched on the Essence Project which will be presented next month. The new director of TRSTC has started her position.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Development Update

K. Drew and J. Saxe gave a third decade fund update. We are slightly over half way to the Parker goal. Board members were encouraged to reach out and find outside contacts to talk about Parker and the third decade fund donations. Fundraising ideas were also given to board members.

B. Finance Committee

M. McKenna reviewed the audit results. There were no audit findings and everything went smoothly. The year end finished well with an asset increase. The Board agreed a second read will not be necessary.

V. Votes

A. Audit

T. Espinola made a motion to Approve the Audit.

L. Warner seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. VanderWilden seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Warner