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F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday November 8, 2017 at 6:45 PM

Location
Room 27 at the Parker School

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

Trustees Absent
C. Stack-Haan, M. VanderWilden

Guests Present
Colleen Meaney, M. McKenna, N. Dudensing

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 Nov 8, 2017 at 6:45 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Regan-Davi made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-11-17 Board Meeting on 10-11-17.
J. Saxe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Warner	Aye
J. Bartsch	Aye

Roll Call	
C. Stack-Haan	Absent
S. Roach	Aye
J. Saxe	Aye
C. Igoe	Abstain
M. Turnbull	Aye
J. Howard	Absent
G. Penna	Aye
M. VanderWilden	Absent
C. Regan-Davi	Aye
T. Espinola	Abstain
K. Reeves	Aye
T. Sumner	Aye

II. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation by Colleen Meaney Director of the TRSTC

The Board of Trustees introduced themselves, and then C. Meaney presented about her work as the Director of the Teacher's Center. She introduced herself and explained her background in education. C. Meaney gave an overview of the work of the Teacher's Center, focusing on her priorities of "Listen, Learn, Act." She explained recent presentations through the Teacher's Center, including "Mastery-based Promotion and Essential Rites of Passage," at the NEASC Model Schools conference. Her ally development includes working with Center for Secondary School Reform (CSSR), New England Association of Secondary Schools (NEASC), Great Schools Partnerships (GSP) and the Massachusetts Charter School Association (MSCA). C. Meaney is working with Sara Bailey from the Astra Foundation to advocate for progressive education at the National level. Another area C. Meaney is actively working on is the grant secured from DESE to work with Ayer-Shirley Regional School District focusing on social-emotional learning through advisory. She explained all of the visitors who have already cycled through Parker so far this year. Trustees asked questions about goals and future work, and C. Meaney described wanting to cultivate relationships with other schools that lasted over time, helping teachers write about principles of progressive education in journals, and cultivating a sustainable business plan for the TC.

B. Principal's Report

T. Sumner described a recent visit to Parker by Representative Natalie Higgins (Leominster) and also his collaboration with C. Meaney with a group of students who are learning about public relations work. He described his ongoing work with the Massachusetts Charter School Association and advancement work with grant-writing. He gave an update on the roof, and J. LaPlatney and L. Warner spoke from the perspective of teachers and students in the building on a daily basis.

III. Committee Reports

A. Development Committee

J. Saxe and K. Drew explained how the Third Decade Fund relates to the strategic plan of the school.

B. Finance Committee

M. McKenna explained the Q1 Financial Dashboard to the Trustees.

C. Diversity and Enrollment

L. Warner, G. Penna and C. Igoe described their meeting with Domain leaders that helped their committee begin to understand current hiring practices at Parker, along with generalizable and specific barriers to hiring a more diverse teaching staff. L. Warner explained the work that the faculty continues to do in areas of race, equity and privilege. Trustees expressed interest in taking the Implicit Association Test on their own time.

D. Governance Committee

C. Regan-Davi explained how Governance is working towards a standard calendar of learning for Trustees, capitalizing on the work of individual Board subcommittees to help share the load. Governance Committee will continue to take photos of Trustees to put on our website. We will also be beginning a library of relevant texts, such as Ted and Nancy Sizer's books, so that Trustees can take them out for their own reading.

IV. Statutory Items

A. Enrollment Policy

The Board voted to suspend the first read on the Enrollment policy and vote on the Enrollment policy at the 11-8 meeting. T. Sumner made the motion and J. Bartsch seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

B. Overnight Student Travel

V. Votes

A. Enrollment Policy

J. Howard made a motion to Approve the Enrollment Policy as written.
J. Bartsch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Overnight Trip to Spain

K. Reeves made a motion to Approve the overnight trip.
T. Espinola seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Second Read CEO Succession Plan

C. Regan-Davi made a motion to Approve the CEO succession plan.
J. Saxe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

G. Penna made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
T. Sumner 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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Warner