

# F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

## Minutes

### DevComm April Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday April 7, 2021 at 7:30 AM

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This meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams and can be accessed by committee members and the public at this link: <http://parker.school/developmentcommittee>

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#### Committee Members Present

D. Osofsky (remote), J. Saxe (remote), K. Tedstone (remote), L. Acton (remote), M. Cole (remote), M. McKenna (remote), M. Smith (remote), M. VanderWilden (remote), S. Cassat Green (remote), T. Sumner (remote)

#### Committee Members Absent

J. Churchill, L. Mitchell, S. Reinhorn, Z. Basma

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Tedstone called a meeting of the Development Committee of F.W. Parker Charter Essential School to order on Wednesday Apr 7, 2021 at 7:30 AM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

J. Saxe made a motion to approve the minutes from DevComm March Meeting on 03-04-21.

M. VanderWilden seconded the motion.

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

### II. Development 2020-2021

#### A. Our Essential Commitment Fund

Katrina updated the group as to the progress of the fund and the possibility of a match from a family to help close out the fund.

The group also talked about their progress in making their "Connection" phone calls. Mary-Wren shared her experience with crafting a thoughtful email and Jennifer spoke about her conversation she had with a graduate family. Miriam also shared how she has been able to have some unexpected connections with parents outside of these planned calls.

## **B. Community Conversations preview**

The group previewed the Community Conversation materials and the proposed draft agenda for those conversations.

Feedback included:

- Make sure we are including time for meaningful connections with people
- Perhaps small groups would be helpful to increase connections
- Can we do something socially-distanced in person? Maybe in the courtyard?
- Spilt the in-person sessions to cohorts to increase connection between parents whose children are learning together.
- Use the proctors who are alums to make say a few words at the conversations.
- Be overly clear about the safety guidelines

## **C. Grant Work- Alumni Work**

Katrina updated the group on the work of the Alumni Committee and the grant progress.

Alumni Committee is working on some reunion possibilities and increasing the data we have.

Grants have come in from area cultural councils supporting the theater program and we are currently working on a grant to support summer programs.

## **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 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Tedstone