

F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

Minutes

April DevComm Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 8:00 AM

Location

zoom and in person

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808509814?pwd=NThnWXZKbEZ6ckptWitXZEpEZGg0QT09>

This meeting will be a hybrid in-person/zoom meeting and can be accessed by committee members and the public at this link: <http://parker.school/developmentcommittee>

Committee Members Present

B. Harrigan, H. Pierpont, J. Saxe (remote), K. Tedstone, L. Acton (remote), L. Mitchell (remote), M. Cole, M. Kosinski-Collins (remote), M. Smith (remote), N. Perrotti, S. Cole (remote), S. Reinhorn (remote)

Committee Members Absent

C. Jaffee, J. Churchill, S. Cassat Green

Guests Present

Ginny Tang (remote)

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 5, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Saxe made a motion to approve the minutes from February DevComm meeting on 02-08-23.

M. Cole seconded the motion.

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

II. Development 2022-2023

A. Fund statistics

Katrina updated the group as to the status of the fund. The total is lower than last year at this point because we have decided to do the spring push this year in April instead of March.

B. Parker Fund constituency work

Graduate families- email went out 4/3 using quotes from seven graduate parents from through the years. The entire quotes are on Parker's website

<https://www.theparkerschool.org/support-parker/our-graduate-parents>

Current families- appeal details are still being finalized. It will go out early next week.

Alumni- their appeal will go out after the in-person event on 5/6

The group brainstormed ideas around the sticker draft presented. It will be used as a thank you for donations.

Sticker suggestions:

- important to say thank you

- "less is more" in terms of wording

- look into size- 2-3 inch?

- use the year so that we could do others in different colors from year to year

C. Alumni Council

In person event at Clover Road Brewery in Hudson, MA. Being publicized on social media and through email.

D. Mission Statement

Did not have time to devote to this. We will put this on the May agenda.

III. Other Business

A. Grant exploration

Two initiatives that Parker is exploring for funding were explained and feedback was welcomed.

- The Courtyard garden- reimagining the courtyard space

Feedback

- questioning using the word "therapeutic"
- this is responsive to the stress/anxiety teenagers are feeling

-The Transportation project

- could there be DEI philanthropic dollars for a project like this?
- pilot a small version of this using one van
- could be very helpful in making it possible for more families to come to Parker

IV. 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 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Tedstone