

# F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

## Minutes

### DEI Meeting (hosted Online)

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM

#### Location

<http://parker.school/deicommittee>

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#### Committee Members Present

B. Harrigan, J. Green, L. Hayner, P. Gordon, R. Whalen Crockett, S. Razzetti, T. Testa

#### Committee Members Absent

None

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Razzetti called a meeting of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of F.W. Parker Charter Essential School to order on Tuesday Mar 28, 2023 at 7:16 PM.

### II. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

#### A. Welcome

Group shared good news.

#### B. Transportation Goals

Transportation to Parker is a hindrance to diversity with respect to both low income families and families of color. Discussed Parker transportation/bussing evaluation that is underway - Brian and Sonia partnering to bring a busing proposal to BoT by November 2023 for review and approval.

DEI subcommittee discussed

1) ideas for funding -

a) state funding is possible but requires bussing be offered to each town in Parker's charter

b) potential to fund transportation using an additional development campaign focused on this specific need; by Parker funding the bussing, this allows more flexibility in how many bussing routes we need to establish.

2) Ideas regarding options for transportation -

a) MART service has not proven to be a viable option.

b) leveraging of the MBTA commuter rail's Fitchburg Line to support transportation broadly; leveraging the MBTA Fitchburg commuter rail line combined with van transportation between Ayer MBTA station and Parker school could be a viable option.

c) a traditional bus company (outsourcing the bussing) such as Dee Bus in Shirley, MA (initial contact has been made).

d) a van route that services Leominster and Fitchburg, potentially leveraging our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Leominster/Fitchburg as pick up and drop off point.

### **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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Razzetti