

# F.W. Parker Charter Essential School

## Minutes

### Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday February 13, 2025 at 6:45 PM

#### Location

Parker School

<http://parker.school/boardoftrusteesmeeting>

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#### Trustees Present

C. Beasley, C. Soderman, E. Moura (remote), E. Sturgis, F. Fernau (remote), J. Fredericksen, L. Hayner, M. Beam, M. Edgar, M. Turnbull, N. Odekirk Hatlevig, P. Gordon, S. Razzetti, S. Reinhorn (remote)

#### Trustees Absent

M. Lindsey, T. Testa

#### Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned

C. Beasley, E. Moura, S. Reinhorn

#### Guests Present

B. Harrigan, D. Merriam, K. Tedstone, M. Beganski, M. McKenna

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

P. Gordon called a meeting of the board of trustees of F.W. Parker Charter Essential School to order on Thursday Feb 13, 2025 at 6:54 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

M. Beam made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Retreat on 01-10-25.

L. Hayner seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

M. Edgar	Aye
J. Fredericksen	Aye
E. Moura	Abstain
C. Soderman	Aye
N. Odekirk Hatlevig	Aye
P. Gordon	Aye
T. Testa	Absent
S. Reinhorn	Aye
S. Razzetti	Aye
C. Beasley	Aye
F. Fernau	Aye
M. Lindsey	Absent
M. Turnbull	Aye
E. Sturgis	Aye
L. Hayner	Aye
M. Beam	Aye

## **II. Updates from Head of School, Enrollment, and Development**

### **A. Head of School Report**

Shared video from MCPSA about what charter schools are which was released during Advocacy week. Packed agenda and 3 votes tonight.

Gala: 94 tickets left. Plans are looking great. Raffle items coming in. Speakers lined up.

LGBTQ: Shout out to students presenting at Partnership for Youth. One of first schools with GSA. Students say this is a safe place to be yourself. Executive order against trans girls playing girls sports. Waiting for action at state level and guidance. Lawsuit against MIAA. Will follow and do right by our students.

Ethics Review: Brian should not be directly involved in discussions or votes with regards to Executive Director position. Brian resigned from Board as of 2/12 and must not be member for a minimum of 30 days before he can be eligible for position.

[Letter to file - Brian Harrigan BOT 2.12.25.pdf](#)

### **B. Enrollment Update**

Enrollment: currently 388, minus 4, plus 2, from last month. Deadline may be different than past for final enrollment number for funding. Some students tentatively leaving but working hard to retain.

Applications for next year: low 200s after COVID, high 200s pre-COVID. 262 total last year. 228 as of today. 2.5 weeks to deadline, multiple info sessions, basketball clinic. Would like 160-170 7th grade applications so we can maintain a waitlist next year. Shared positive feedback about information sessions. Shared survey data from post info session survey, and families are providing positive feedback. Last year with 262 applications we backfilled senior class and lower overall enrollment so feeling positive.

#### **C. Development Plan Update**

Development plan: Draft of plan ready in March. Finalized in April with training and growth session. Consultant will join Development Committee meeting. Excited to see what they bring.

#### **D. Supporting immigrant students**

Supporting immigrant students: Obligation to educate all students. Superintendent is primary contact for any request for access to students. Schools are no longer safe places from immigration authorities. Must determine if judicial warrant is being provided. Policies must apply to all visitors. Be informed and prepared. Must protect student data under FERPA. No specific concerns raised by students. Discussed potential loss of federal funds. CLEE lost funds and programs closed.

#### **E. 2025-2026 School Calendar**

Calendar for 2025-2026: will vote on at end of meeting. 185 days is 6/23. 180 is 6/15. Allows for a few snow days without making year end too late. Planning for early holiday break with faculty return on 1/2. Includes March holiday which could be given up if many snow days.

[Draft School Calendar 2025-2026.pdf](#)

S. Reinhorn left at 7:45 PM.

#### **F. 30th Anniversary Quilt**

30 year quilt: Pam visited Meghan and Brian's Div 1 advisory who would like the Trustees to contribute to the quilt by designing a fabric square to represent the group. Will draw board and chair based on suggestions from students.

B. Harrigan left at 7:53 PM.

C. Beasley left at 7:53 PM.

### **III. Finance and Facilities Updates**

#### **A. Q2 update and the FY26 budget**

Quarterly dashboard shared. Enrollment was at 390. FTE is one over but still under budget. Per pupil tuition rate is favorable and additional 20ish students. Allowed for bonuses at end of January. Year end projection includes money given out as bonuses.

Trending on track. Bottom line is we expect to end year in favorable position. Potential \$170K surplus. Initial look at state budget for next year looks favorable for charter schools.

E. Moura left at 8:01 PM.

#### **B. Facilities Committee update**

Front walkway: Bids came in. Contracts pulled together and will be signed soon. Total cost under \$400K. Construction begins after graduation and will finish after start of school but will minimize disruption as much as possible. Hoping should not affect Fun Run in October. Most heavy work should be done.

### **IV. Governance Discussion**

#### **A. Potential changes to the bylaws**

Bylaw language needs to be updated but will keep simple. Change Head of School to Executive Director. Change required make up of the board. Delineate between bylaw and policy. Governance Committee will bring this to board in March. Will email DESE to inform of change in organization. Bylaws change is more formal process. Will send to DESE for approval and then board will approve.

### **V. Strategic Planning Discussions**

#### **A. Investing reserves into the Strategic Plan**

Strategic Plan need for funds. Draw down from reserves to cover costs. By FY29 should be self-sustaining. Total cost \$530K. Committee discussed 3 year plan and is behind plan. Cost is all head count. Looked at other schools and charters to determine costs.

#### **B. Leadership changes at Parker**

Head of School becomes Executive Director. Addition of Principal position. Dean of Students becomes Assistant Principal. Academic Dean role phases out over 3 years.

#### **C. Hiring Principal and Development staff**

With board approval will post Principal position tomorrow. Will create search committee. Will solicit input from stakeholders. Follow very similar process from when Head of School was hired. Search Committee will narrow pool of candidates to put forward. Believe we will find person for position through our network. Students will play a role in process.

### **VI. Other Business**

#### **A. Comments from the Public**

None.

## **B. Vote - Investing reserves into Strategic Plan**

E. Sturgis made a motion to invest \$245.  
J. Fredericksen seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **Roll Call**

M. Turnbull	Aye
M. Edgar	Aye
P. Gordon	Aye
S. Reinhorn	Absent
E. Moura	Absent
J. Fredericksen	Aye
N. Odekirk Hatlevig	Aye
C. Soderman	Aye
C. Beasley	Absent
L. Hayner	Aye
T. Testa	Absent
M. Lindsey	Absent
S. Razzetti	Aye
M. Beam	Aye
F. Fernau	Aye
E. Sturgis	Aye

## **C. Vote - Creating Executive Director position**

M. Beam made a motion to create position.  
M. Edgar seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **Roll Call**

F. Fernau	Aye
J. Fredericksen	Aye
M. Edgar	Aye
T. Testa	Absent
N. Odekirk Hatlevig	Aye
S. Razzetti	Aye
M. Turnbull	Aye
E. Sturgis	Aye
M. Beam	Aye
E. Moura	Absent
M. Lindsey	Absent
C. Soderman	Aye
P. Gordon	Aye
C. Beasley	Absent
S. Reinhorn	Absent
L. Hayner	Aye

#### **D. Vote - • Approving 2025-2026 School Calendar**

N. Odekirk Hatlevig made a motion to approve calendar.

L. Hayner seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

L. Hayner	Aye
M. Edgar	Aye
J. Fredericksen	Aye
P. Gordon	Aye
M. Beam	Aye
C. Soderman	Aye
S. Razzetti	Aye
M. Lindsey	Absent
E. Sturgis	Aye
T. Testa	Absent
M. Turnbull	Aye
F. Fernau	Aye
E. Moura	Absent
C. Beasley	Absent
S. Reinhorn	Absent
N. Odekirk Hatlevig	Aye

#### **VII. 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 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Beganski

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#### **Documents used during the meeting**

- 2025 February Head of School Report.pdf