

**Parker Core Knowledge Charter School  
Operating Council  
Minutes  
8/21/08**

Attendance: Teri Aplin, Johanna Harth, Kim Bruce, Mara'D Jahde, Pat Redalen, Michael Sparks, and Laura Webb.

Absent Members: Heidi Kassal and Don Tulloch

Motion was made by Teri to commence the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Pat. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Kim to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Pat. Motion approved.

The minutes of the May OC meeting were not available and were not approved. This will be available at the Sept. OC meeting. There are no minutes from the July meeting, as it was an informal work session.

PTO update: see attached documentation

Volunteer update: no report

Directors report: see attached documentation

SAC report: no report

Academic report: Johanna reported that there are many new students, new teachers, and new systems that is she is working with simultaneously. Some of the systems she is currently working on, to incorporate into the schools current programs and or improving upon, are the RPI program, the ILP on infinite campus, and the MAPS. Discussion ensued regarding too many projects going on at once, that require Johanna and Teri's attention, in addition to their regular responsibilities. It was suggested that they enlist more help from parents, to alleviate the workload of staff members. Then they could ask the staff members to help them more with specific projects.

It was noted that there are a lot of computers and tech problems that are preventing the teachers from utilizing them. Andy Gerhard has been informed of our list of "tech needs and problems" and has assured Teri that he will solve them within a week. It was suggested that we hire the Tech Teacher, Mr. Morgan, to work on some of these tech problems, as a side job.

## **Old Business:**

Mission/vision Statement revision: This will be added to next month's agenda. If necessary, a team will be selected to refine the verbiage of the M/V statements.

Planned Absence Procedure: It was reported that the current Attendance Policy is sufficient. It is the procedure for planned absences that needs to be defined. The definition of unexcused absences and extenuating circumstances were discussed. Teri and Johanna will continue to work on this and provide a statement at next month's meeting.

Tardy Policy: Teri and Johanna will provide a statement on this policy at next month's meeting.

Academic Director Title Change: A motion was made by Pat to change Johanna's title to "Vice Director-Academics" from Academic Director. The motion was seconded by Laura. Motion approved.

## **New Business:**

Vice Director-Academics OC Vote: A discussion ensued regarding Johanna's and Teri's split OC vote. There was debate as to whether the VDA needed an independent vote, and whether there was a need for 2 staff/teacher positions on the OC board as a result of that. Currently Johanna/VDA maintains the 2<sup>nd</sup> staff position on the OC Board. Teri will present this discussion to her staff for their input. This discussion will continue at next month's OC meeting.

Approval of New Girls Jumper: Teri made a motion to add a new style of jumper to the collection of accepted school uniforms. Michael seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Back to School Night: Back to School Night is scheduled for Aug. 26, 2008. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Teri will address policies, commitment levels, etc. Johanna will address CSAP and other academic programs. Kim will address OC goals.

Bond/Mill Levy update: see attached documentation. Discussion ensued regarding the monies that DCSD BOE has agreed to give charter schools from the Mil Levy. The Bond issue was also discussed. The OC will support the Mil Levy ballot question, but is undecided as how to proceed on the Bond question.

Policy Governance: This issue has been moved to next month's update and discussion items.

Revised Org Chart: This issue has been moved to next month's update and discussion items.

Marketing update: Mara'D reported that the focus for the marketing program will be towards the students, the parents and the Parker community. We will be focusing on the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and the theme of "Commitment to Excellence".

October Meeting: It was determined that there is no conflict of the OC meeting date and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Responsible Citizens handout: See attached handout.

Motion was made by Pat to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm. Motion seconded by Michael. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

President  
Kim Bruce

Secretary  
Mara'D Jahde

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