

Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

Meeting Minutes

August, 2009

I. Call to order

Rick Bellefeuille called the regular meeting of the **Operating Council** to order at **6:47pm on August 11, 2009.**

II. Roll call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Bellefeuille, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teri Aplin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Sparks, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johanna Harth |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Grissom, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karin Piper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Webb, Member at Large | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Anderson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mara'D Jahde | |

Also present: Michael New, parent.

Teri Aplin motioned to excuse Michael Sparks. Karin Piper seconded.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion was made by Karin to approve last month's minutes as amended. Teri seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Reports

- PTO Update - The new PTO President is Heather Kasari
- Volunteer Update - The new Volunteer Coordinator is Angi Runyon
- Director's Report – None
- Academic Report – Provided by Johanna. She listed the new staff members, talked about teacher training, the new technology available this year, and CSAP results.
 - *AI: Johanna will be asking teachers their opinion re: grading scales*
 - *AI: Johanna will continue to look into district after school programs*

V. Old Business

Teri motioned to approve the three percent staff salary increases built into the 2009/2010, effective immediately. Johanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Logo project continues to be worked on by committee and will be brought to the OC for approval at a later date

Karin motioned to modify the Unexcused Absence Policy, adjusting the maximum credit from 50% to 70% for homework submitted, at the teacher's discretion. Mara'D seconded. Motion carried. Affirmative: 8; Opposed: 1. Teri Aplin opposed.

VI. New Business

Potential changes to shoe and clothing were discussed briefly. No modifications to the dress code will be made at the beginning of the current school year.

Mike New requested the OC consider an exception to the wait list policy. The New family will be leaving the country for 9 months and wish to be immediately re-enrolled at PCK upon their return.

- *AI: Karin will look into Distance Learning programs to see if any application can be made.*
- *AI: Teri will research the wait-list/sibling policy and clarify how it would apply to the New family upon their return.*

Back to School Night: Scheduled for August 25th. A message from the Operating Council will be delivered by Rick. The new Operating Council will be introduced. Parents will be encouraged to attend meetings, either to observe or present an issue for discussion.

- *AI: Rick will coordinate with Teri about topics to share*
- *AI: Karin will invite someone from the League of Charter Schools to raise awareness and motivation for the Charter Advocacy Group.*

VII. Updates/Discussion items

- Volunteer Background Checks – Jan reported on research he gathered from other organizations and the DCSD.
 - *AI: Jan will look into DCSD processes for background checks*
 - *AI: Sheree will be asked to look into the Raptor security program*
- Rick led a discussion in follow-up to Jim Griffin's OC training.
- Middle School. Teri & Johanna reported they are moving toward uniform changes, more socials, Fast Food Fridays, luncheons, and a different venue for assemblies.
- Marketing Committee. Still soliciting for volunteers
 - *AI: Solicit for participants at GEM & B2S nights*

VIII. Adjournment

Teri motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20pm. Laura seconded

Respectfully submitted,

President - Rick Bellefeuille

Secretary - Melissa Grissom