**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEEETING**

MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2019

*IN ATTENDANCE: TANYA WATKINS, CHRISTOPHER ESTES, HARRY STERN*

1. Board of Directors Financial Commitment:

Ms. Watkins has distributed pledge cards to DPA Board members. She will follow up with each member to ensure that all cards are returned and that there is a 100% Board commitment.

1. Centralized Fundraising System at DPA

Currently, DPA instructors do not have a central resource to provide funding for or to support fundraising for, extra-curricular class activities (e.g., field trips, after-school activities. Mrs. Watkins is creating a centralized system using new DPA Fundraising Policies, which include policies on campaigns such as “Friends of DPA” and on activities that could be converted to profitable fundraisers, such as bake sales. Ultimately our goal is to meet the need of instructors to request funds that cover trip or activity expenses. The “Friends” campaign will be community wide. Mr. Estes concurred with the approach.

1. D3 and Other Grants

The Governor’s Office of Student achievement approved DPA’s D3 grant proposal to fund our new Making Math Matter (M3) program. The grant award is $19,555.06 and we are to begin carry out the work in June 2019 and will conclude the first year in June 2020. We are grateful to all staff and administrators who participated in the formulation of the proposal. Mrs. Watkins will continue to support the grant’s work through reporting management and billing. Additional grant opportunity research is underway. A full grants solicitation calendar will be available starting next month.

1. Sports Outreach and Other Community Leaders (Building Relationships)

 Ms. Watkins will develop a strategy for reaching out to Atlanta-based sports personages and other community leaders that can advance the mission of DPA, to connect with them and build relationships in support of DPA. The need for distinguished, busy and sought-after professionals crossing into the classroom, volunteering then, later supporting the school is a critical piece of its fundraising success.

 V) Chamber of Commerce

 The committee will explore reestablishing contact with the Chamber of Commerce. DPA will renew its membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Stern