

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – 1st Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:35 PM

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 5:56 PM

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa McNeil 2. Ryan Moss 3. Richard Frapart 4. Cameron Johnson 5. Jack Wensinger 6. Ardo Fuentes 7. Dawn Mann 8. Josh Terry 9. Donell Wiggins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Andre McEwing 11. Cathleen Crews 12. Michelle Wheeler 13. Kay Allen 14. Stuart Ravnik 15. Carol Proffer 16. Carey Carter 17. Ossa Fisher 18. Cullum Clark 19. Amy Messersmith 20. Michael Giles |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Uplift Staff Present:

1. Yasmin Bhatia
2. Rich Harrison
3. Deborah Bigham
4. Alex Berk
5. Bessye Adams
6. Remy Washington
7. Samina Noorani
8. Layne Fisher
9. Anne Erickson
10. Jake Kurz
11. Mya Moumen-Baker
12. Erin Francis
13. Anisha Srinivasan
14. Jeff Kirby
15. Sophia Kwong
16. Michael Brinkman

Guests Present:

1. Trent Foster, Weaver auditor

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
I. Call to Order And Announcements	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the chair, M. McNeil. M. McNeil welcomed all those present.		

<p>II. Consent Agenda</p>	<p>The minutes from the October 24th, 2017, regular meeting of the Board were reviewed.</p> <p>The minutes from the November 14th, 2017 special meeting of the Board were reviewed.</p>	<p>Upon motion made by A. Fuentes and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the October 24th, 2017, minutes as written.</p> <p>Upon motion made by A. Fuentes and seconded by C. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved the November 14th, 2017, minutes as written.</p>	
<p>III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our People, Schools and Systems</p>	<p><u>1. Finance Update.</u> A. Srinivasan gave a summary of the academic report included in the pre-read to the Board. A. Srinivasan reported that Uplift is projecting lower enrollment than projected which is impacting the budget, but we are projecting savings on the expense side to offset any loss. Uplift is still projecting 68 days cash on hand.</p> <p><u>2. Presentation of Audit.</u> M. Brinkman, R.Fraparat, and B. Adams gave a summary of the audit.</p> <p>R. Frapart reported that Weaver completed its third audit for Uplift as its independent auditor and will be issuing a report regarding the same. R. Frapart discussed the handout, including the balance sheet, assets, and the like.</p> <p>T. Foster, an auditor from Weaver, introduced himself and reported on the audit findings. Weaver is issuing an unmodified opinion, the highest level of assurance Weaver offers. The assurance is over all three opinions - financial statements, yellow book, and grants. The findings included a review of the following areas: (1) yearly close process, (2) contributions, (3) credit cards, and (4) federal audit. T. Foster made clear that Uplift received “clean” opinions on all four areas.</p> <p>B. Adams reported on Uplift’s response to the audit findings. Uplift will have a three-fold approach: (1) reviewing staffing and team structures, (2) reviewing technical capabilities, and (3) coordination of work.</p> <p><u>V.A. Action Item – 2016-2017 Audit Approval.</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by R. Frapart and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the audit.</p>	

<p>III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Expand Innovative Collaborations</p>	<p><u>1. Update on FWISD Potential Partnership.</u> Y. Bhatia reported on the FWISD potential partnerships. Y. Bhatia first provided background context to the partnership, the last legislative session, and the complex rule making process to the district-charter partnership bill. Given the latter, Y. Bhatia and Dr. Scribner, the FWISD Superintendent, have decided to pushback opening a partnership school until a later date not yet determined. The Board discussed the complexity of developing rules and effect on TEA.</p>		
<p>IV. Information Items –</p>	<p><u>A. Uplift Spotlight, Science Fair.</u> M. Brinkman, Secondary Science Coordinator and Science Fair Coordinator, presented on the Uplift Science Fair. M. Brinkman reported on the structure of the Fair and its relationship to IB programming. M. Brinkman stated that the Fair best encapsulates what the study of science should be. The Fair is Saturday, January 27th at the UT Southwestern Campus. Y. Bhatia recognized and thanked S. Ravnik for all of his assistance and support on developing and hosting the Fair.</p> <p><u>B. Update on Texas Charter Board Advocacy Summit.</u> D. Wiggins presented on the Advocacy Summit held in Houston, Texas. D. Wiggins discussed the success charters had in the last legislative session and the fight charters expect have in the 2019 legislative session. D. Wiggins introduced Eric Dominguez, Uplift’s new Director of Government Relations. D. Wiggins also stated Uplift needs to be more conscious of local elections. Y. Bhatia discussed the national tax bill and what effect, if any, it might have on charters.</p> <p><u>C. College Signing Day.</u> O. Fisher reported on the College Signing Day Tailgate. O. Fisher is leading the planning of the event. O. Fisher reported that Uplift will be more innovative as it pertains to the event and that the upcoming CSD will be “dinner and dialogue.” The event will be at the Bush Center and the speaker is David Osbourne, a renowned author on how charters fit into the national dialogue on education. The event is not on the day of CSD, but is the same week. The event is a fundraiser, does not yet have a name, and O. Fisher requested volunteers. Other important dates: January 19th – tour of Uplift</p>		

Peak and Committee Kickoff Meeting, March 6th – Invitation Mailing Party, April 25th – Fundraising Event, May – Celebratory event. The event fundraising goal is \$300K. D. Mann emphasized the importance of continuing to involve scholars in the fundraising event.

D. Uplift Luna Campus Advisory Council Report. M. Wheeler discussed the current leadership at Uplift Luna and events during the school year. The focus of the events during the first semester has been on appreciation and their goal is to focus the second semester on community outreach.

E. Trustee Skill Set Matrix. A. Fuentes reported on the new trustee profile matrix. The matrix is meant to identify where trustees fit best within the skill sets provided. Three main reasons for this: (1) where we are today, (2) it is helpful to identify areas of need depending on outcome, (3) this will provide objective results as it pertains to the Board makeup. Administration will issue a google doc to the Board to tally results.

V. Action Items - Consider and Take Action

A. 2016 – 2017 Audit Approval: (see above).

E. New Chairs for Uplift Summit, Uplift Infinity, and Uplift White Rock Hills. A. Fuentes introduced three new CAC chairs: (1) Brunilda Santiago, for Uplift Summit, (2) James Stanton, for Uplift Infinity, and (3) Christina Barbosa, for Uplift White Rock Hills.

B. White Rock Hills Zip Code Preference Revision. A. Berk reported that Administration would like to add zip code 75218, as well as 75150, 75149, and 75180 in their entirety as preferenced zip codes for White Rock Hills.

C. Pinnacle Primary and Secondary Zip Code Preference Revision. A. Berk reported that Administration would like for the preferenced zip codes for Pinnacle Primary and Pinnacle Secondary to be identical. To do this, zip codes 75232 and 75241 need to be preferenced to Pinnacle Primary, and zip codes 75208 and 75216 need to be preferenced to Pinnacle Secondary.

D. Hannah Ranch Co-Site Resolution. Y. Bhatia presented to the Board two resolutions addressing co-site locations for Uplift Hannah Ranch for the fall 2018 semester. Primary grades will be housed at a church site located at 1400 E. Seminary Drive in Fort Worth, Texas. The 6th grade will be housed at Uplift Mighty. The Board discussed the physical site located on Seminary Drive and staffing of Hannah Ranch.

Upon motion made by A. Fuentes and seconded by D. Wiggins, the Board unanimously approved Brunilda Santiago, James Stanton, and Christina Barbosa as CAC Chairs for Summit, Infinity, and White Rock Hills, respectively.

Upon motion made by J. Terry and seconded by A. Fuentes, the Board unanimously approved the resolution revising the White Rock Hills zip code preferences.

Upon motion made by J. Terry and seconded by A. Fuentes, the Board unanimously approved the resolution revising the Pinnacle Primary and Pinnacle Secondary Preferences.

Submit resolutions pertaining to charter expansion amendments to the TEA.

<p>The Board also discussed the effects of having co-sites on the local community.</p> <p><u>F. Resolution to Extend Maturity of BBVA Loan and Authorize CFO and CEO to Negotiate Terms of New Loan.</u> Y. Bhatia introduced the resolution and discussed the loan terms.</p> <p><u>G: Resolution to Reimburse Construction and Project Expenses Incurred Prior to the next Bond Issuance.</u> Y. Bhatia introduced the reimbursing resolution and discussed its purpose.</p>	<p>Upon motion made by D. Mann and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the resolution identifying 1400 E. Seminary Drive as the co-site location for Uplift Hannah Ranch primary grades for the fall 2018 semester.</p> <p>Upon motion made by A. Fuentes and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the resolution identifying Uplift Mighty as the co-site location for Uplift Hannah Ranch 6th grade for the fall 2018 semester.</p> <p>Upon motion made by J. Wensinger and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the resolution extending maturity of BBVA loan and authorizing CFO and CEO to negotiate terms of new loan.</p> <p>Upon motion made by J. Wensinger and seconded by J. Terry, the Board unanimously approved the resolution authorizing Uplift to reimburse itself for construction and project expenses incurred prior to the next bond issuance.</p>
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VI. Open Forum Community Comment	There were no community members present.		
VII. Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.		

Respectfully submitted, Alexander S. Berk, Secretary.