

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 April 25, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – 1st Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:34 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:41 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa McNeil 2. Richard Frapart 3. Ardo Fuentes 4. Randy Ray 5. Josh Terry 6. Donell Wiggins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Dexter Freeman II 8. Kay Allen 9. Tony Dona 10. Carey Carter 11. Cathleen Crews 12. Christine Frary 13. Stuart Ravnik 14. George Conant 15. Carol Proffer 16. Mary Ellen Weber 17. Ossa Fisher 18. Abby Williams 19. Ed Tauriac 20. Amy Messersmith |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yasmin Bhatia 2. Stacey Lawrence 3. Ann Stevenson 4. Deborah Bigham 5. Johnny Deas 6. Alex Berk 7. Remy Washington 8. Karen Aikman 9. Anne Erickson | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Erin Hearn 11. Samina Noorani 12. Anisha Srinivasan 13. Jake Kurz 14. Layne Fisher |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order And Announcements	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by the chair, M. McNeil.		
Consent Agenda	The minutes from the March 28 th meeting, included in the pre-read, were reviewed.	Upon motion made by J. Terry and seconded by A. Fuentes, the board unanimously approved the minutes as written.	
III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our	<u>Finance Report.</u> Finance report moved up on the agenda because S. Lawrence had to leave meeting early. Stacey reported that Uplift has been awarded an allocation from the PSF to cover the entire amount of our upcoming bond		

<p>People, Schools and Systems</p>	<p>offering. This is possible because of recent expansion in amount of the allocation and will have a positive effect on Uplift’s debt service costs. Stacey reviewed the finance dashboard which was included in the pre-read. He pointed out changes in our revenue and expense forecast to account for benefit expenses not recorded in the forecast earlier and also for program fund adjustments that are being recognized now. With respect to the 2017 bond timeline, we are expecting to have bonds priced and purchase agreement done by May 16th, with closing on May 31st.</p>		
<p>V. Action Items</p>	<p>Consideration of action items related to bond financing and finance moved up on agenda while S. Lawrence present. Stacey presented the Resolution Authorizing Financing and Related Matters which relates to the upcoming bond offering and which was included in the board pre-read. Stacey said he would bring the second item regarding unbudgeted expense back to the board at another meeting because not ready for full discussion at this time.</p>	<p>On motion made by J. Terry and seconded by R. Frapart, the board unanimously</p>	
<p>III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our People, Schools and Systems</p>	<p><u>Academic Report:</u> Remy Washington, managing director for high schools, gave an update on the grading policy revision. She reviewed the reports included in the pre-read and gave a status report on where the committee is with respect to the policy revision. In doing their work, the committee has considered the practices and policies of Uplift’s charter peers, as well as goals for the grading policy revision. After extensive discussion with the board, Ms. Washington e described the next steps in the process. She expressed appreciation for the board input and acknowledged this work is a multiyear process.</p>		
<p>III. Regular Report – Strategic Investment Plan Update – Invest Internally in Our People, Schools and Systems</p>	<p><u>Parent Survey:</u> Jake Kurz, Stakeholder communications manager, presented a report on the Uplift parent survey. Detailed report included in the pre-read to the board. Jake noted that participation increased this year by 10% and overall, parents are satisfied with their school experience. The team is analyzing the growth opportunities as shown by the data and also better understanding some responses – such as the response to parent engagement question. The survey results will be shared with parents. The board expressed appreciation to Jake for the work on the survey.</p>		

<p>IV. Information Items: Advocacy Update.</p> <p>Campus Advisory Committee Updates:</p>	<p>D. Wiggins and Y. Bhatia gave a report on the board advocacy day (March 30th) and on the status of our bills. Senator D. Campbell's funding bill (SB 457) was voted out of committee and will be considered next by the full Senate. In the House, issues are more complex because Rep. Huberty's school finance bill (HB 21) was voted out of committee and will need to see if he will allow merger of charter bills in the education committee so they can be voted out of committee. Need 6 votes from the House Pub Education Committee. Advocacy groups are working on getting this support. Other legislative priorities – PSF expansion and leased property tax exemption bills – are looking favorable at this time</p> <p>Ardo Fuentes introduced the CAC chairs who were reporting on their campuses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carol Proffer, chair of Pinnacle CAC – reported that the primary had a good year; leadership is more cohesive and better focus on academics. Pinnacle Secondary. Great team in place. Home visits were made this year which made a big impact. Team is excited for the 17-18 school year and working on preparation. 2. Cathleen Crews, chair of the Infinity CAC, noted that Infinity has been successful this year. JP Morgan, Ms. Crews' employer, has adopted Infinity as a project and she has recruited employees to be involved on campus. The volunteers are excited to do so and also positive response from the campus. 		
<p>Open Forum Community Comment</p>	<p>There were no community members present.</p>		
<p>Executive Closed Session</p>	<p>M. McNeil, chair, announced the closing of the open meeting at 6:07 p.m. so the board could go into closed session for the purposes stated in the agenda. The executive session was opened at 6:09 p.m. The executive session was closed and the open meeting re-opened at 6:40 p.m. There was no action to be taken.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.</p>		

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevenson, Secretary