

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 March 19, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:47 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:12 p.m.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa McNeil 2. W. Carey Carter 3. Josh Terry 4. Randy Ray 5. Donell Wiggins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Dawn Mann 7. Cathy Estrada 8. John Beckert 9. Vishy Padmanabhan 10. Ossa Fisher 11. Michael Giles 12. Christina Barbosa-Young
(by phone – D. Marshall) |
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*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yasmin Bhatia 2. Bill Mays 3. Ann Stevenson 4. Stacey Lawrence 5. Deborah Bigham | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Johnny Deas 7. Anisha Srinivasan 8. Jung Cho 9. Priscilla Parhms 10. Dan Blier, Steve Miller |
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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Summit Robotics Team	Prior to beginning of the formal meeting, the Robotics Team 3355 from Summit International, led by Daniel Blier and Steve Miller, presented their robotic project. The team explained how they developed the robot which they demonstrated to the board.	The board and staff present acknowledged with appreciation the work of the team.	
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by the vice-chair, Melissa McNeil. The chair, T. Dona, was not present. The minutes from the board meeting on February 24, 2015 were presented and reviewed.	Upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by J. Terry, the minutes were approved as written.	
Academic Update	Priscilla Parhms and Anisha Srinivasan presented the academic update. Ms. Parhms discussed the results of CA-3 and noted that state testing is more difficult now. Uplift has a group of seniors who are in danger of not graduating and we are focusing support on those students. Ms. Parhms gave an overview of the intervention strategies being implemented. Ms. Srinivasan noted that we are using data to predict STAAR scores and gave a brief overview of that process.		
GPTW Survey	Y. Bhatia presented a report on the results of the Great Places to Work survey completed by Uplift employees. High level summary and detail presented to the board in the pre-read. Overall, scores are very good, but relatively flat at network level versus last		

	year. Support is being provided to specific campuses with lower GPTW results.		
GPISD & Uplift Contract	Jung Cho reported on the status of the contract between GPISD and Uplift for the Lee Elementary project. No changes have been made to the contract by GPISD since draft sent to the board. Enrollment continues to be a challenge, but we plan to use the Uplift Grand waitlist to recruit for Uplift Lee.	After discussion, and upon motion by R. Ray to approve the GPISD – Uplift contract and to authorize the CEO to make changes consistent with the contract as presented, seconded by D. Wiggins, the board approved the contract.	Y. Bhatia reminded board of the meeting on March 24 with the GPISD board to formally execute contract.
Finance Update and Audit Committee Update	S. Lawrence reviewed the finance report sent to the board in the pre-read. A loss of approximately \$800K in revenue is predicted due to lower attendance. There will be continued focus on increasing attendance. B. Mays gave an update on the proposed bond transaction which is expected to close at the end of May. This bond will cover planned 17 & 18 new school openings. C. Carter gave a report on the auditor selection process. The committee has selected three firms from which to request proposals with goal to have a decision on recommended firm by mid-April. Board expressed appreciation for the audit committee’s work.		
Advocacy Report	Ann Stevenson gave a legislative update. All bills on the charter schools’ legislative agenda have been filed in the house (filing deadline was March 13 th) and most also in the Senate. Members of the Uplift board will be traveling to Austin on April 8 for the board advocacy day.		
Reminders	The board members were given schedule of Uplift graduations in May and invited to attend. D. Wiggins also gave update on status of the planned interviews for the O’ Miss scholarships next week. Board also reminded of the College Signing Day events on April 30.		
Parent/Community Comments	There were no parents or community members present.		
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson