

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 April 2, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
 Location: Uplift CMO Office
 1825 Market Center Blvd., First Floor (Suite 130), Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:35 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

1. **Kevin Bryant**
2. **Brice Tarzwell**
3. **Melissa McNeil**
4. **Donell Wiggins**
5. **Josh Terry**
6. Marnie Wildenthal
7. Rosemary Perlmeter
8. Angela Farley – Irving Board
9. Randy Ray – East Dallas Board
10. Ossa Fisher – South Dallas Board
11. Michael Giles – Arlington Board
12. George P. Bush – Fort Worth Board (by phone)

*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 10. Mr. Jason Petit – Hampton parent |
| 2. Bill Mays | 11. Anisha Srinivasan |
| 3. Ann Stevenson | 12. Mike Terry |
| 4. Deborah Bigham | 13. Denise Castaneda |
| 5. Shawn Stover | 14. April Bowman |
| 6. Rhonda Nelson | 15. Hampton & North Hills parents |
| 7. Cathy Estrada – FW Board | |
| 8. Dustin Marshall – Irving Board | |
| 9. Anthony Tillman – Hampton Board | |

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by the chair, Kevin Bryant.		
Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the February regular meeting were presented for review and approval.	Upon motion made by B. Tarzwell and seconded by M. McNeil, the minutes were approved as written.	
GPTW Survey Results	Rhonda Nelson presented a review of the results of the Great Places to Work survey. Uplift had 90% participation in the survey. Discussion about results over the past 3 years Uplift staff has taken survey. Slight increase in positive result. Although areas to address, overall survey finds Uplift is regarded as a good place to work.		

Student Achievement & RTC Update	R. Harrison presented high level review of CFA #3 which was just taken. More detailed info will be presented at the next board meeting. April Bowman and Denise Castanada presented on college application and acceptance for Uplift students. Overall, record number of applications submitted and students are starting to receive acceptance letters. Written report included examples of some of the financial packages some students are receiving.		
Group Problem Solving Exercise	Yasmin Bhatia and Deborah Bigham led board members in group problem solving exercise – following process used at Investor Event.		
Governance Report	B. Tarzwell discussed proposal for adding local board chairs to the voting board of governors for Uplift Education. Discussion among board about issues.		Board members asked to send additional comments to Brice. Decision on proposal to be made at future board meeting.
Finance Report	B. Mays and Josh Terry presented the financial update and cash balance report in new format which includes a new category for “designated funds.” The committee is continuing to work on a model with to illustrate drivers which affect cash flow. K. Bryant complemented the committee on its work to date.		
Investor Conference Report & College Signing Day	D. Bigham gave a report on the Investor Conference held on March 4 th . Very positive feedback on event overall. D. Wiggins reported on tailgate party. Donations and sales going well.		Board members asked to send Deborah any additional comments on Investor Conference. Board members invited to sell or purchase tickets or tables to the tailgate party.
Local Board Reports:	<p><i>Fort Worth:</i> George P. Bush reported the board is making progress on linking the community to the schools. Good progress this year overall.</p> <p><i>West Dallas:</i> Angie Dickson noted that IB visit will be scheduled later; construction on target; Survey of parents showed positive report on school leadership; Focus on building community partnership with Trinity River.</p> <p><i>Irving:</i> Angela Farley reported on North Hills and Infinity; Focus at Infinity is on new leadership coming in next year; Strong results on CFA. NHP students involved in UIL competitions and regional science fair; Focus on interactions with city of Irving regarding gas well drilling and Student Activity Center.</p>		

	<p><i>Arlington:</i> Michael Giles reported on the new primary building which is nearing completion and adding to the beauty of the campus; Focus on easing the transition for new families and the school; board focus on being more visible on campus.</p> <p><i>South Dallas:</i> Ossa Fisher reported on gains seen in academic performance, staff survey results, and establishing National Honor Society; Transition of leadership from C. Harris to new leaders is focus along with need to find more creative fundraising ideas.</p> <p><i>East Dallas:</i> Randy Ray commented on the construction at Luna Primary School and at Peak which is going well. First Uplift Parent University held at Peak on March 23rd; well attended and well received by the community; Focus on board being more visible at the school and identifying resource needs.</p>		
Instructional Materials Allotment certification and approval of Renewal Applications for Summit, Hampton and Williams charters	A. Stevenson presented IMA certifications for each charter for signature by board chair. This certification replaces textbook certification that was filed previously. Charter renewal applications to be submitted to TEA for the Summit, Hampton and Williams charters were discussed.	Upon motion by M. McNeil and seconded by B. Tarzwell, the board approved submitting the renewal applications.	Applications circulated among board members for signature; will be filed with TEA by April 5 th .
Legislative Update	A. Stevenson presented report on charter bills filed with Texas legislature this session. Brief report and outline of SB 2 presented. Board will continue to receive updates as the bills move.		
Update – NHP parent committee	A. Stevenson gave update on the NHP parent committee which has met for a second time. Committee is focusing on communication and diversity recommendations for the Board. M. Giles commented on the positive work of the committee and efforts being made by the parents.		
Hampton Parent Feedback	Mr. Jason Petit, president of the parent group at Hampton and member of the Men of Hampton, spoke to parent concerns about the transition of leadership from Mr. Harris to a new leader for the 13-14 school year and communication with parents about this change.		K. Bryant asked the Uplift and school management to respond to the parent concerns and parents are encouraged to come to their local board with concerns. .
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson