

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 August 23, 2013 – 12:00
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 12:15 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

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| 1. Kevin Bryant | 6. Angela Farley |
| 2. W. Carey Carter | 7. Michael Giles |
| 3. Tony Dona | 8. Randy Ray |
| 4. Josh Terry | 9. Ossa Fisher |
| 5. Donell Wiggins | 10. Srikanth Srinivas |

*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 15. Rhonda Nelson |
| 2. Bill Mays | 16. Dawn Mann – SW Dallas Board |
| 3. Rich Harrison | 17. Bruce Ware – SW Dallas Board |
| 4. Deborah Bigham | 18. Abby Williams – West Dallas Board |
| 5. Ann Stevenson | 19. Dustin Marshall – Irving Board |
| 6. Johnny Deas | 20. Jeff Helfrich – SW Dallas Board |
| 7. Eric Chen, CSGF | 21. Alan LeBlanc – Arlington Board |
| 8. Addie Smith | 22. Cathy Estrada – FW Board |
| 9. Diana Meyer | 23. Robert Agnich – Finance Committee |
| 10. Anisha Srinavasan | 24. Ardo Fuentes – East Dallas Board |
| 11. Priscilla Parhms | |
| 12. Jenai Emmel | |
| 13. Rich Young | |
| 14. Stacey Lawrence | |

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>	<i>ACTION FOLLOW-UP</i>
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes	A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by the chair, K. Bryant. The minutes from the June 25 regular meeting and July 18 th special meeting were presented and reviewed.	After review and upon motion by C. Carter and seconded by R. Ray, the minutes were approved as written.	
Performance and Academic Goals Review	Y. Bhatia gave an overview of the start of school and noted that this year was a generally smooth opening of school. The new school, Triumph, was especially smooth. R. Harrison presented a review of the academic results for the prior school year. Detailed handouts were given to the board. Overall, Uplift primary schools are doing well, but middle school and high school are having some challenges and will be the focus of the teaching and learning team efforts this year. Focus at high school on improving performance on SAT/ACT.		

	R. Harrison also reviewed the new initiatives for the upcoming school year.		
Legislative Report	Addie Smith, Government Affairs Director for group of CMO networks (of which Uplift is a part) gave a report on the 2013 legislative accomplishments and discussed the focus for the next session in 2015.		Board members asked to contact representatives over the next year to build relationships
2012-2013 Parent Survey	Y. Bhatia presented overview of the parent survey results. Generally very positive results, however, concern regarding level of participation in the survey. Brief discussion of ways to improve participation rate.		Will look at other methods to improve parent participation rate in survey.
Strategic Plan and Focus – 2013-2014	Y. Bhatia reviewed the new core values and 13-14 priorities which were in board report. Discussed challenge of training new school leaders and ways to maintain consistency. Discussed strategies to improve student academic performance and that “blended learning” is being explored. Strategic planning for the next phase of growth will be considered over the next year as our current plan is near to completion.		Board expressed interest in knowing more about blended learning.
Finance Committee Report	B. Mays and J. Terry presented the finance report which was part of the board packet. Looking at bond financing around January 2014. Committee is focusing on the monthly cash flow analysis vs. budgeting on a monthly basis. Robert Agnich was introduced as a new member of the committee.		Board members expressed appreciation for work of committee.
Parent Engagement Plan	D. Bigham discussed plan to improve parent communication across the network and to involve multiple levels of communication. Discussion around using technology to target specific groups of parents.		
NHP Parent Committee Recommendations	Y. Bhatia led discussion on the recommendations of the administration in response to the NHP committee report presented at the June board meeting. A summary of the recommendations was presented to the board. Among the recommended actions is no zip code preferences be applied to North Hills and that efforts to market the school to the broader community be a focus.	Upon motion made by C. Carter and seconded by R. Ray, the board approved the recommendations presented.	
Board Actions – Amendments to policy and charter	A. Stevenson presented a resolution to standardize lottery dates based on school tenure. A. Stevenson also presented a recommended definition of “sibling” for the purposes of determining certain lottery preferences.	Upon motion made by R. Ray and seconded by C. Carter, the board approved the change to the lottery dates. Upon motion made by D. Wiggins and seconded by J. Terry,	Charter amendment will be filed to change application deadline. Policies adopted will be added to Uplift policy manual.

	A. Stevenson presented a recommended policy to establish a standard attendance time across all Uplift schools of 10:00 a.m.	the board approved the recommended definition. Upon motion made by C. Carter and seconded by R. Ray, the board approved the policy on attendance time.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:15 p.m. and will resume at 9:00 in the morning.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson