

Uplift Education Board Meeting
 May 27th, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.
 Location: CMO – First Floor Meeting Room
 1825 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Called to Order: 4:34 p.m.

Uplift Board Members Present *:

Adjourned: 6:21 p.m.

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| 1. Kevin Bryant | 7. Marnie Wildenthal |
| 2. Tony Dona | 8. Angie Dickson |
| 3. Carey Carter | 9. Angela Farley |
| 4. Donell Wiggins | 10. Ossa Fisher |
| 5. Josh Terry | 11. Randy Ray |
| 6. Dustin Marshall | |

*Voting members: **Bold**

Others

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| 1. Yasmin Bhatia | 7. Ben VanMannen |
| 2. Bill Mays | 8. Anisha Srinivasan |
| 3. Ann Stevenson | 9. Aleta Estrada |
| 4. Rich Harrison | 10. Mike Terry |
| 5. Stacey Lawrence | 11. Peggy Yard – NHP parent |
| 6. Diana Meyer | 12. Cheryl Bass – NHP parent |

<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 4:34 p.m. by the chair, K. Bryant. The minutes from the board meeting held on April 29, 2014, were presented and reviewed.	Upon motion by D. Marshall and seconded by C. Carter, the minutes were approved as written.	
Student Achievement Update and Road To College Report	R. Harrison presented the academic update which included discussion regarding STAAR results which have just been received. Written report also provided to the board. Noted because tests are getting harder, we need to focus on managing our low performing schools. We also did not see a positive impact on “advanced” pass rate. Uplift averages are slightly higher than DISD. Discussion with board about options if a student fails STAAR. Summer school is required for those students who fail. Also discussed schedule changes to allow extra time for more challenging subjects. Also discussed results on the college readiness tests (Explore, PLAN) and noted that we are seeing more growth from fall to spring on those tests. Aleta Estrada reviewed the RTC written report. Academic counselors are working with students in planning for summer school so students will finish requirements in order to be in college this fall. Counselors also working with students who want or need to work before college. Counselors helping them to find options for post secondary education.		

Finance Update	B. Mays gave a finance update and presented a draft of 2014-15 budget. A written report was provided to the board. Cash balances report was reviewed. The 14-15 budget preview was discussed. Noted that everyone worked really well to reduce expenses to meet budget forecast. .		Final draft of budget will be presented at the June board meeting.
Update on Pre-K Partnerships	Y. Bhatia reported on the status of discussions about the pre-k pilot program at Hampton. Final MOU has been negotiated with ChildCareGroup. Benefit of this pilot is that we do not have to incur more capital expenditure. We have portables which could potentially be used for pre-k at Hampton feeder. Discussion of plan for half-day program also discussed.		
Update on Uplift Grand	Y. Bhatia noted expansion approved		
Approval of Board Resolution for PSF Financing	B. Mays presented the proposed resolution approving application for PSF guarantee for next series of bond financing.	After discussion and upon motion by R. Ray and seconded by T. Dona, the board unanimously approved the resolution.	
Development Update	D. Bigham gave a report summarizing the results of the Tailgate event at College Signing Day. Board members noted that they received very positive feedback from the event. Recommendations for next year include setting a fund goal for the event and also telling donors more about how funds will be used since they don't understand charter funding very well.		
Parent Survey Results	Y. Bhatia discussed results from the parent survey for all schools but Williams and Hampton. A third party vendor was used for the parent survey at those schools and results are not yet back. Y. Bhatia reviewed questions and noted the "highs" and opportunities for improvement. Question from the board about the participation rate which appeared to be low for number of schools. Goal was 30% participation.		
Updated Credit and Grading Policy	Aleta Estrada discussed the revised policy and changes from prior policy. Goal was to have a tighter and more consistent policy. Campuses were surveyed on the current policy and their comments were taken into account in updating this policy. One of the major changes is to clarify the retention standards for high school students.	Upon motion by J. Terry and seconded by C. Carter; the board unanimously approved the revised policy as presented.	
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.		

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Stevenson