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KIPP Delta, Inc.
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: August 19, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Delta College Preparatory School

Attendance: Chalk Mitchell, Brent Black, Mark Nichols, Chris Allen, Ron Nurnberg, Sanford Johnson

- I. Introduction: The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:14am and welcomed everyone.
- II. School Reports
 - A. School Leaders from the elementary, middle, and high school gave updates on the start of school with regards to enrollment, teachers and academics
 - i. Amanda Johnson presented her upcoming training schedule with the Fisher Fellowship and answered questions from the board about her elementary school plans.
 - ii. The middle school is over-enrolled at 254 net students, but still under-enrolled at 5th.
 - iii. The high school turned away many applicants because they had failed 8th grade in their prior school and thought that KIPP would have looser requirements about retention.
 - iv. VanDeWalle informed the board that only 7 African-American students passed the AP Calculus exam in the entire state of Arkansas last year. KIPP Delta Collegiate has 5 students who are planning to take the exam this year. That could nearly double the passing rate!
- III. Finance Committee Report
 - A. Brent Black explained that Anika Baltimore and the finance committee are working to merge our operating budget with the one developed through CSGF. This should be completed in the next few weeks and a more accurate, readable format will be used at the next board meeting.
 - B. Baltimore pointed out that we had a net loss of \$13K in July, but we do not receive NSLA payments in July.
 - C. Enrollment currently exceeds the budgeted number of students by 24.
- IV. Development Update:
 - A. 2007-2008 Fundraising Recap
 - Abbey Leachman presented a recap of both annual and capital fundraising for the last school year including a breakdown of donor growth and where donations come from.
 - The board then reviewed fundraising progress for this school year. So far, \$39,638 has been raised towards a goal of \$227,000.
 - Scott Shirey will be focusing on closing the \$260K funding gap for the gym construction project.
 - Shirey announced that the Governor's Mansion has been reserved on November 21st for a fundraising event. He is assembling a committee to work on this exciting project.
- V. Construction Update
 - A. Scott Shirey reported that gym construction is on schedule and should be completed by the end of January.



VI. Executive Director Report

A. Charter School Growth Fund

Mr. Shirey presented a PowerPoint which detailed the growth strategy and plan for KIPP Delta Public Schools. It included highlights from the current schools and showed data from district schools that clearly demonstrated a need for us to expand to other areas. The plan gave a clear timeline for expansion and also addressed the additional funding that would be required to support such growth. Discussion followed but no resolutions were made.

B. Audit Discussion

Shirey solicited the Board's opinion on procuring an additional audit. Currently the school receives a legislative audit which meets the state requirements for schools, but is not user friendly to board members, funders, or the general public. The board agreed that an audit in the more widely accepted non-profit format would be better and to research additional costs.

C. Re-Commitment to Excellence

Mr. Shirey went through the Board Commitment to Excellence, accentuating the need for high attendance and asked members to re-sign as we start this new year.

VII. KIPP Delta Actions

A. Approval of Previous Minutes – Sanford Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ron Nurnberg seconded the motion. Unanimous.

B. Vote to approve name change of KIPP Delta Charter High School – A motion was made by Brent Black to approve the change. The motion was seconded by Sanford Johnson. Unanimous.

C. Vote to approve future Helena elementary school – A motion was made by Sanford Johnson and seconded by Ron Nurnberg. Unanimous.

D. Vote to approve the 2008-2009 Student Handbooks. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Ms. Allen. Unanimous.

E. Vote to approve the District Policies for 2008-2009, including a revised Internet Safety Policy covering 2009 – 2012 submitted as part of a recent technology plan revision. A motion was made by Mr. Nurnberg and was seconded by Ms. Allen. Unanimous.

VIII. Questions & Discussion:

A. Discussion ensued about the dates of upcoming board meetings. Several members had conflicts with the November meeting, thus the date has been changed to November 11.



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B. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Sanford Johnson and seconded by Ron Nurnberg. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Shirey, Executive Director

Chalk Mitchell, Board President

Next Board Meeting: November 11, 2008 @ 9:00 AM