



KIPP DELTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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KIPP Delta, Inc. Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Date: October 19, 2010
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: KIPP Delta Public Schools
Helena, AR
Attendance: Chalk Mitchell, Andre' Valley, Scott Shirey, Chris Allen, Sam Commella, and Matt Colburn were present. Ginny Blankenship, Randy Zook, Brent Black, Stacy Sells, and Maisie Wright attended via video conference and conference call. Auditors Johnny Hudson and Rami I. Kassissieh from Hudson, Cisne, & Co. LLP, in Little Rock, AR were also in attendance.

I. Introduction

Mr. Chalk Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Scott Shirey introduced auditors Mr. Rami I. Kassissieh and Mr. Johnny Hudson to the meeting.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from July Board Meeting

Mr. Chalk Mitchell asked that the minutes from July meeting be reviewed. Mrs. Chris Allen motioned to approve July meeting minutes, Mr. Brent Black seconds. Unanimous.

III. Board Chair Report

No formal report given.

IV. Executive Director Report

No formal report given. Mr. Scott Shirey will discuss approval of strategic goals during governance report.

V. School Reports

A. Elementary Literacy Academy

- 164 students enrolled this year; 5 left. Now 159 students. See report for demographics.
- Delta ELA Choir: meeting with Nick Malinowski at least 3X per week. Need to better advertise public events.
- Parent volunteers have stepped up to help supervise.
- Biggest Challenge: Teacher Development and training teachers
- 3 first year teachers out of 11. First Year Teacher course.
- Oct. 15 was end of first quarter.
- Will share MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) normed-based testing data soon.

B. Delta College Preparatory School

- Intensive reading instruction 50 min. per day, with Linda Farrell's help. Accelerated Reading testing is complete (to determine reading levels).
- Focusing on developing leadership pipeline. Biweekly New Leader PD meetings.
- Oct. 27: Report card night
- Oct. 29: Chant-off
- MAP results: Lower than national norms, not unusual for fall, measuring growth over year and testing again in winter and spring.
- Goal: 90% of our kids to gain one year of growth, beyond what state requires and will report results at January meeting.
- 4 first-year teachers, 7 second year teachers. About 3-4 have more experience.

C. Delta Collegiate High School

- Spending time teaching handbook.
- 20 kids going to OBU overnight this week. Scholarship opportunities. Most are applying.
- 3 accepted to weekend program at Vanderbilt. Highly-competitive.
- 1 Air Force Academy applicant this year; 2 to Naval Academy.
- Focusing on character and culture.
- 5 first-year teachers. 3 are TFA. Pleased with progress.
- 2010 alum: One left Naval Academy. Parent did not allow him to attend pre-college program; other student's parents did.
- Want to get better at finding best college fit for students. Those we were worried about are having second-thoughts.
- Students at Vanderbilt, Henderson, and Hendrix doing very well.
- Building relationships over time with colleges.

D. Blytheville College Preparatory School

- First Year School review by KIPP Foundation went well. Implementing new schedule, more rigorous lessons.
- SharePoint tracking of students' homework has been valuable.
- Linda Farrell helping with reading and phonics.
- Field lesson to Helena on Oct. 29 to see campus and watch chant-off. Students are very excited.
- MAP results: range from 1st to 98th percentile. How to challenge kids wherever they are.
- Second round of decoding surveys. Most students have made growth.

Mr. Chalk Mitchell motioned to accept the school leader reports, Mr. Brent Black accepted, Mr. Randy Zook second. Unanimous.

VII. Financial Committee Reports

A. Audit Report given by Rami I. Kassissieh

- "Preparation of financial statements" is only compliance issue, which is typical of almost every nonprofit they audit.
- Some federal/state funds and restricted pledges not received until after FY.
- Can not record pledges until requirements have been met; Requirements were met to receive \$600 K from CSGF; therefore, it was recorded as receivable.
- Net increase in capital assets: \$1.2 M.
- Depreciation schedules: Do we really think our buildings will have useful life of 20 years? Modular buildings are on 5-7 year depreciation schedule. Gym and ELA should be ok for 20 years.
- Good debt ratio.
- Private contributions: 7% decrease (\$97K?) Not too bad—most other nonprofits have dropped 20% this year.
- Board designated \$1M for capital projects last year. Must decide on amount for this year.
- Bottom of p. 11: distribution of fed., state, and donations looks ok.
- p. 12: Fundraising expenses.
- Determined to be high-risk auditee: Last year was first single audit, this is second year. So until they do 2 years in a row, automatically considered high risk. Should be low-risk auditee next year, if no major findings.
- Material weakness: Not major, typical of nonprofits. Working with Anika to strengthen recording and processes.

- Issues from last year have been rectified.

Mr. Mitchell asked for a motion to accept the audit report. Mr. Valley made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Black. Unanimous.

VIII. Approval of Revised Budget

- Beginning cash overstated by \$400K, due to some middle school construction costs. Need to approve revised budget. See cash flow statement.

IX. Development Committee Reports

- USDA resolution adopted.
- All reports approved. Unanimous.

X. Operations Report

- Finished middle school campus. Must add additional fire exits for \$20K. Already included in previous board resolution.
- Water damage to gym floor fixed. Full replacement covered by insurance; Nabholz covered the rest. Also covered replacement of technology equipment.
- Transportation is urgent issue: safety, culture, repairs.
- All reports approved. Unanimous.

IX. Governance and Nomination Committee Reports

1. Meaningful goals and measurement of progress:
2. Nominations: Looked at KIPP Houston, KIPP Philadelphia, and American Red Cross' nomination processes as models.
3. Effective on boarding and continuing education of board members—Mike.
4. Annual performance review of ED. Nov. 18 conf. call.

XI. New member nomination

Ms. Stacy Sells, VP Strategic Planning for CJRW and is active in education reform. Approved unanimously by board.

XII. Other Topics

Mr. Scott Shirey reported KIPP Delta is the only school in state that has privilege of quarterly meetings. Committee work is critical.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Brent Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Andre' Valley. The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Chalk Mitchell,
Board President

Scott Shirey,
Executive Director