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KIPP Delta, Inc.

Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Date: October 18, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: KIPP Delta Public Schools
Helena, AR

Attendance: Ron Nurnberg, Marcus Nelson, Luke Van De Walle, Andre Williams, Andre Valley Anika Baltimore, Todd Dixon, Scott Shirey, were present. Sam Commella, Stacy Sells, Brent Black, Randy Zook, and Maisie Wright attended through a conference call. Meg Salta took minutes.

I. Introduction

Mr. Randy Zook called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

II. Board Chair Report

No formal report given. Mr. Randy Zook thanked everyone for attending the board retreat. Feels that we need more capacity with bigger board with stronger members to make board more effective board.

III. Executive Director Report

No formal report given.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Mr. Randy Zook asked for a motion that the Board Minutes from the July 2011 meeting, Development Committee Report, and Finance Committee Report to be accepted. Ms. Stacy Sells motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Ron Nurnberg seconds. Unanimous.

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B. Mr. Andre Valley moved to adopt the resolution with Arvest Bank with proper corrections in writing on the resolution document. Mr. Sam Commella motioned to approve the resolution with proper corrections, Ms. Stacy Sells seconds. Unanimous.

V. Action Agenda

A. Board Nominations

TBD.

B. Growth in Blytheville

The board discussed an off model for growth for Blytheville because there is a lack of a Fisher Fellow, to open a 4th-7th grade.

School Director, Ms. Maisie Wright agrees that short term, 4th grade would be best. However, she wants to make a kindergarten push as soon as possible. Following year, would need a Kindergarten and need a person.

We lost past two Fisher Fellows in the other years. Mr. Sam Commella stated his concerns that we would lose support from the KIPP Foundation if we created an off model growth plan in Blytheville. The board agreed that Blytheville will grow down no more than one grade at a time starting in 2012 with a 4th grade until a new Fisher Fellow is nominated.

Mr. Scott Shirey made a motion for KIPP Blytheville to have permission to add a 4th grade in the 2012-13 school year along with planned 7th grade. Mr. Sam Commella made motion to accept an off-model growth plan in Blytheville, Mr. Andre Valley seconds. Unanimous.

C. KIPP Arkansas

At the Charter School Growth Fund (CSGF) Conference, schools were asked to pose problem in their district while the groups of other schools try to find a solution. Mr. Scott Shirey and Mr. Matt Colburn posed the issue of access to resources, philanthropy, and leaders. The group said that KIPP Delta has a branding issue because as long as we are KIPP Delta, we neglect the rest of the state.

Therefore, we are engaging people when they do not feel ownership over the Delta. If we are going to go Blytheville to Pine Bluff, it's a better branding proposal as KIPP Arkansas. Ms. Stacy Sells also addressed concerns that we should go to our large donors. The board agreed with KIPP Arkansas as an idea to be discussed more thoroughly at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Randy Zook moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stacy Sells motioned and Mr. Brent Black seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

Randy Zook,
Board President

Scott Shirey,
Executive Director