



KIPP Delta Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
2:30 PM – 6:00 PM

KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory School, 1200 Byrum Road, Blytheville, AR 72315

Attendance: Randy Zook, Darrin Williams, Cathy Cunningham, Ron Nurnberg, Don Frieson, Baxter Sharp, Joseph K. Wood, Sam Commella, Jamie VanDeWalle, Matt Colburn, Mike Wright, Carissa Godwin, Luke VanDeWalle, Maisie Wright, Monica Costello, Gary Cheatam in attendance. Chalk Mitchell attended via conference line. Chintan Desai took minutes.

- I. Optional: Lunch at Blytheville Campus (12:30 – 1:30 pm)
- II. Optional: Tour of Blytheville Campus (1:30 – 2:30 pm)
- III. Welcome and Board Chair Report (2:30 – 2:33 pm)
 - IV. Randy Zook called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 pm.
- V. Election of New Board Members and Officers (2:33 – 2:37 pm)
 - VI. Ron Nurnberg motioned for approval of adding Baxter Sharp and Joseph K. Wood to the KIPP Delta Board of Directors for a three-year term; unanimously approved.
- VII. Consent Agenda (2:37 – 2:40 pm)
 - A. October Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Contact with Students while at School Policy
 - C. Overtime Policy
 - D. Board Recognition Month Proclamation
 - E. Wellness Policy
 - VIII. Sam Commella motioned for approval of Consent Agenda; Cathy Cunningham seconded; unanimously approved.
- IX. Executive Director Presentation and State of the State (2:40 – 3:10 pm)
 - X. Scott Shirey gave a presentation on the state of KIPP Delta based on the five organizational goals agreed upon at the beginning of the year.
- XI. Blytheville Parent Panel (3:10 – 3:40 pm)
 - XII. A panel of five KIPP Blytheville parents addressed questions posed by the KIPP Delta Board of Directors.
 - XIII. The Board provided general feedback gleaned from the parent panel discussion to KIPP Delta staff.
- XIV. Break (3:40 – 3:50 pm)
- XV. Blytheville Growth Strategy (3:50 – 4:35 pm)

- XVI. Maisie Wright gave a presentation on the proposed growth strategy for KIPP Delta schools in Blytheville.
- XVII. KIPP Arkansas Annual Planning (4:35 – 4:50 pm)
 - XVIII. Scott Shirey presented proposed modifications to KIPP Delta’s five-year goals. An updated draft of the Annual Plan including modifications to the goals will be presented at the April Board Meeting.
 - XIX. The Board discussed the merits of changing the organization’s name from KIPP Delta to KIPP Arkansas.
- XX. Committee Reports
 - A. Governance & Nominating Committee (4:50 – 5:00 pm)
 - XXI. Sam Commella the Governance & Nominating Committee Report and announced the resignation of Board member Brent Black.
 - A. Finance Committee and CSGF Update (5:00 – 5:10 pm)
 - XXII. Matt Colburn gave the Finance Committee Report. Mr. Colburn announced the addition of Chris Bell and Bill Glaser to the Finance Committee and the hiring of Charity Hallman as the new Finance Director. Mr. Colburn announced that the current organizational revenue is close to the Board-approved budget. Mr. Colburn noted that the organization has an unfavorable variance YTD on expenses due to the timing of certain expenses and because of inaccurately budgeting for the depreciation of busses. Mr. Colburn announced that we are seeking to increase our line of credit with Southern Bancorp from \$300,000 to \$500,000.
 - XXIII. Scott Shirey noted KIPP Delta is in discussions with Charter School Growth Fund about options for structuring the final award under its multi-year grant agreement. Mr. Shirey and the KIPP Delta staff will follow-up with the Board on specifics along with a recommendation this spring.
 - A. Development Committee and WFF Update (5:10 – 5:20 pm)
 - XXIV. Carissa Godwin gave the Development Committee Report. Mrs. Godwin projected KIPP Delta philanthropic contributions to end the year at \$1.85 million. Mrs. Godwin noted that KIPP Delta staff is looking into options to reduce the budget of the Capital Campaign to \$1.2 million. Mrs. Godwin encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming Souper Bowl and KIPP School Summit.
 - A. Legislative Update (5:20 – 5:25 pm)
 - XXV. Scott Shirey gave the Legislative Update. Mr. Shirey noted that KIPP Delta representatives presented before the Joint Education Committee earlier in January advocating for facilities funding for high-performing charter schools.
- XXVI. Executive Session (5:25 – 5:40 pm)
 - A. The KIPP Delta Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 5:51 pm to close the meeting.
- XXVII. KIPP Delta Ineligibility Hearing (5:40 – 5:55 pm)
 - XXVIII. Monica Costello introduced a KIPP Delta employee who received a letter of ineligibility on January 7, 2014 due to a disqualifying offense returned on his criminal background check. Pursuant to A.C.A. 6-17-414, the employee

requested the Board grant a waiver from his ineligibility. The employee presented a prepared statement and letters of reference before the Board.

XXIX. Darrin Williams motioned to waive the employee's ineligible status and reinstate his employment at KIPP Delta; Cathy Cunningham seconded; unanimously approved.

XXX. Questions, Surveys, & Closing (5:55 – 6:00 pm)