

The University of Texas Elementary School
Management Board Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2009
UTES Multi-Purpose Room

Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Dr. Gregory Vincent, Dr. Linda Ferreira-Buckley, Dr. Ramona Trevino, Mr. Julien Carter, Mr. Jose Del Valle, Dr. Marina Walne, Ms. Tonya King, Dr. Ed Sharpe, Dr. Diane Bryant

Others Present: Ms. Julie Nance, Ms. Sarah Y. Shafer, Ms. Carly Nieri

Members not Present: Mr. Gerald Torres, Dr. Chiquita Watt Eugene, Ms. Gwen Grigsby, Dr. Mike Kerker

Approval of Minutes from Management Board Meeting November 18, 2008:

Mr. Julien Carter motioned. Dr. Diane Bryant seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes from Management Board Meeting January 26, 2009:

Dr. Ed Sharpe motioned. Dr. Marina Walne seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Chair's Report – Dr. Gregory Vincent

A draft framework of a partnership middle school between The University of Texas at Austin (UT) and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) was presented to the Dean's Council at UT with a more in-depth meeting held afterwards with a smaller group of deans or their representatives. A draft will also be shared with the AISD Board of Trustees. AISD and UT representatives will visit Akins New Tech High School on Wednesday, February 25 to participate in a curriculum design workshop.

Board training per the Texas Education Agency (TEA) was to be completed by February 16. Six board members still need to complete their hours. Dr. Gregory Vincent will host a "Compliance Comraderie" watching party for all members who need to complete their training.

Principal's Report – Dr. Ramona Trevino

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests are next week.

Parents' Conference Day was held last week. Any parent unable to attend last Monday scheduled a time to meet with teachers this week.

The Book Fair is from March 9-13, culminating with Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 13.

UTES is collaborating with the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement to host a table at Explore UT on Saturday, March 7.

Parent and teacher surveys on UTES and areas for improvement are going out.

Staffing requests for 2009–2010 have been released. Most teachers will be returning, but a few positions will need to be filled.

Student demographics remained the same as last month. As the transfer policy was approved by TEA, UTES will be able to use the policy to fill vacancies next year.

Dr. Gregory Vincent was impressed by the socioeconomic diversity of the kindergarten class. Mr. Jose Del Valle raised the issue that students from Mueller may affect the socioeconomic diversity at UTES and that the board might want to consider an income cap on the eligible families who wish to attend UTES.

Portable buildings are now called cottages. The permanent building is on hold until money for construction plans become available.

The Education Council is leading the Campus Planning at a retreat at Umlauf Gardens.

The Parent Forum had a Fun Run for fundraising, and will host a Fiesta on May 2, as well as a Health Festival on May 15.

Facilities Report – Dr. Ed Sharpe

The gymnasium is complete and in use by students. However, the acoustics in the gym need to be adjusted and Dr. Ramona Trevino is exploring the option of installing audio correcting sound boards. The water heater is broken, and Dr. Ramona Trevino thanked Dr. Mike Kerker for the facilities services money in the budget for repairs.

Development Report – Dr. Marina Walne

The current building campaign fund is \$10,000. Sam Barshop paid his \$10,000 pledge towards the UTES Building Campaign. Dr. Ramona Trevino, Dr. Ed Sharpe, and Carly Nieri continued to meet with developers from the Mueller site, but they are not proceeding until a new Superintendent is named for AISD. Sandy Gottesman, Howard Nirken, and Carly Nieri met to put together the steering committee for the Friar Society. They hope to reach out to Julius Glickman in Houston and Ron Steinhart in Dallas.

George and Fran Ramsey, Bruce Todd, Dan Burck, and the active Friars participated in recent tours at UTES. Upcoming tours include Terry and Sue Tottenham, Peck Young, and University 1883 Council. The University 1883 Council is a group of young alumni brought together by Texas Exes and Development to encourage alums to donate to UT soon after graduating.

The current annual fund is \$2,507.07. There will be an on line drive in May through the new UTES Web site.

The current grant donation fund is \$135,011. The school was invited to resubmit a proposal for \$10,000 to the Long Foundation for summer school 2009.

The current in-kind donations fund is \$9,188.50. Two Promethean white boards were donated to UTES as a technology pilot program in preparation for the new building. Norma Leben donated play therapy toys for our social worker.

Mr. Julien Carter will contact board members whose terms are expiring at the end of this school year to find out if they wish to continue to serve on the board. Dr. Gregory Vincent would like for the nominating committee to also consider expanding the membership of the board, keeping the ratio of community, parents, and UT representatives the same.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.