

The University of Texas Elementary School  
Management Board Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2009  
UTES Multi-Purpose Room

Minutes of Meeting

**Members Present:** Dr. Gregory Vincent, Dr. Linda Ferreira-Buckley, Dr. Ramona Trevino, Dr. Ed Sharpe, Dr. Marina Walne, Ms. Tonya King, Dr. Diane Bryant

**Others Present:** Ms. Julie Nance, Ms. Sarah Y. Shafer, Dr. Sherri Sanders, Ms. Carly Nieri, Mr. David Rae, Mr. Robert Mercado, Mr. Michael Uyeda, Ms. Martha Oestreich

**Members not Present:** Dr. Chiquita Watt Eugene, Dr. Mike Kerker, Mr. Julien Carter, Mr. Jose Del Valle, Ms. Gwen Grigsby

**Approval of Minutes from Management Board Meeting February 23, 2009:**

Quorum was not met; no vote took place.

**Chair's Report – Dr. Gregory Vincent**

The newest principal in Austin Independent School District (AISD) is the University of Texas Elementary School Board's very own Ms. Tonya King, who is taking the helm at Pillow Elementary School.

The Austin Independent School District (AISD) and the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) representatives visited Akins New Tech High School on Wednesday, February 25 to observe a new tech school in operation. A conceptual framework draft for the envisioned middle school was sent to the AISD Board of Trustees on March 12.

A follow-up meeting with the UT Middle School Task Force is being considered for the week of March 30. There is a meeting with UT Austin Central Development on April 1 to explore grant proposal possibilities to fund the faculty incentive portion of the middle school budget.

Tonight is the vote for the new AISD Superintendent. Dr. Meria Carstarphen, the individual recommended for superintendent, is interested in university-school district partnerships. Once Dr. Carstarphen begins her tenure, the task force will include Dr. Carstarphen in updates and brainstorming for the middle school.

After discussions with Provost Steven Leslie regarding the reporting structure for UTES, the decision has been made that the UTES will now report to the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE) which has an emphasis on connecting intellectual resources with the community. Dr. Gregory Vincent introduced Ms. Martha Oestreich, executive director of development for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. The UTES Development staff, Ms. Carly Nieri and Ms. Angie Yowell, will report to Ms. Oestreich effective immediately instead of Mr. David Onion, associate vice president for development. All of the administration and human resources work that Ms. Julie Nance performs for UTES will also fall under DDCE, however, this transition will not be completed until the beginning of the new fiscal year in September. Creating and

maintaining UTES has been a team effort, for which Dr. Vincent is very thankful to all involved.

### **Principal's Report – Dr. Ramona Trevino**

TAKS Reading results:

Grade 3	36/36	100% Passing	2/2	100% Modified Passing (Special Education)
		56% Commended		
Grade 5	30/37	81% Passing	2/2	100% Modified Passing (Special Education)
		27% Commended	7/37	Retake

Five of the students who did not pass the TAKS Reading test only missed by one question.

This year marked the first UTES and DDCE collaboration for Explore UT. There were so many visitors, UTES ran out of Little Longhorn hats that they had made.

The Teacher Intention Forms are being returned; a few teachers are leaving and those positions will be posted.

There are 21 applications for grades K-5 for the 2009-10 school year. The school will be advertising throughout the East Austin community. If registration is not at 100% when classes begin in fall 2009, UTES will use the new Transfer Policy to expand the pool of potential students.

The Campus Planning retreat is at Umlauf Gardens from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on May 5, 2009. The Parent Forum is having a Fiesta for fundraising on May 2 at the Pan Am Recreation Center. The Volunteer Reception will be held on May 21.

The 5th Grade Graduation is May 27. Dr. Gregory Vincent would like to ensure that UTES is able to continue the 5th Grade Graduation tradition, therefore DDCE will offset the costs for 2009 by providing \$1500 for the program.

At least seven fifth grade students were accepted to Ann Richards Middle School. Some students were also accepted to Fulmore Magnet School, and some accepted to Kealing Middle School.

### **Facilities Report – Dr. Ed Sharpe**

Dr. Ed Sharpe introduced Mr. David Rae, director of capital projects at UT Austin and liaison between UT Austin and UT System; Mr. Michael Uyeda, senior project manager at

UT System in the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction; and Mr. Robert Mercado, project manager of the UTES Permanent Building Project.

Mr. Robert Mercado passed out a project schedule to show the progress of the permanent UTES building. In January, they finished the design and development portion of the project. The Board of Regents and the Higher Education Coordinating Board have to approve the design development before proceeding with construction. The proposed project design is on hold at this point in time. The UT System Finance Department worked with the Board of Regents to make a rule that states that all gift money has to be in hand before continuing with construction projects. Currently the permanent building fund is not complete and is budgeted for \$19 million. If construction begins later than the last class day this year, the budget for the proposed design will rise with inflation, necessitating more fundraising for this design.

#### **Development Report – Dr. Marina Walne**

The Current Building Campaign Fund is \$10,000. Sandy Gottesman, Howard Nirken, and Carly Nieri met to put together the steering committee for the Friar Society. Donors Graciela Cigarroa, Scott and Vivien Caven, Dan and Penny Burck, Betsy Abell, Michael Granoff, and Erika Coker all attended Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Friday, March 13.

Recent tours included the Friar Society's Steering Committee, Peck and Penny Young, and two members of the young alumni group from The University, the 1883 Council. Upcoming tours include Chris Busse, Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Terry and Sue Tottenham, and Cissie Ferguson.

The Current Annual Fund is \$2,507.07.

The Current Grant Donation Fund is \$135,011.

The school submitted a \$10,000 grant proposal to the Long Foundation, however they responded to say they will not be funding any programs for 2009 – 2010 because of the economy.

The Current General Donation Fund is \$145,807.

The Current In-Kind Donation Fund is \$9,188.50.

There will be a Donor Communication Plan Meeting on Thursday, March 26.

The new Web site is to be launched in early April. [www.utelementary.org](http://www.utelementary.org)

Career Day is Friday, May 8.

Meeting Adjourned at 5 p.m.