

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

UTD Executive Board Meeting  
November 5, 2009

Approved Minutes

This regular meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Karen Aronowitz at approximately 6:00 p.m. (Following the UTD Stanley Axlrod the Towers Board meeting).

Present: Karen Aronowitz, Fedrick C. Ingram, Sony Ambroise, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Willette Cruse, Beverley Dowell, Angie Gonzalez, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valerie Johnson, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, David Prince, Chris Radney, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther, Sharon Williams and Antonio White.

Absent: Pablo Gomez (unexcused) Shirley Person (unexcused) Artie Leichner (excused)

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by Karen Aronowitz and properly seconded to change the order of the Agenda to reflect that the Secretary/Treasurer's report would be given first. After discussion, motion carried. It was also noted that "Board Members Concerns" was inadvertently left off the agenda.

Minutes: It was moved by Joan Cortez and properly seconded to adopt the minutes of September 30, 2009. After discussion, motion carried.

Agenda

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram**

***UTD Audit: Dina Bellows, Bellows Associates, PA Certified Public Accountants and Advisors***

Copies of the "Financial Statements for the Year ended June 30, 2009"; and the required "Communications Letter for the Year ended June 30, 2009" were distributed to the Board members.

Ms. Dina Bellows, Bellows Associates, explained the entire audit to the members of the Executive Board and stated that UTD had complied with all requests for information, no problem.

Ms. Bellows answered questions from Board members.

***Financial Management Review for the First Quarter 2009-2010 (July, August and September 2009)***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reviewed the report with the Board and stated that we had recruited 76 new members at New Teacher Orientation. As of October 2009, we had 15,922 members.

It was moved by Joan Cortez and properly seconded to extend the meeting with ½ hour. After discussion, motion carried.

**President's Report: Karen Aronowitz**

President Aronowitz informed the Board members that our endorsed candidate for Mayor, City of Miami, Thomas Regalado won. President Aronowitz stated that we will be talking to Mayor Regalado about community schools and perhaps we can start a pilot program within the City of Miami.

President Aronowitz reported the UTD lease expires on our rental and we have the right to extend the lease, but we need to let them know if we plan to renew by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Aronowitz stated that in the meantime, UTD will be looking at other locations and at other options; what ever our options are they will be shared with the Board.

President Aronowitz reported that she had been in Tallahassee last week addressing the K-12 Education Committee, and it was stated that they would be reducing the allocation by 10%. The Commissioner of Education stated that the DOE had recommended to hold harmless the monies from assessments because they have contracts.

President Aronowitz informed that Open Enrollment will begin on November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 20, 2009 – if you do not enroll by this date, you will be automatically enrolled by the Board at OAP 20. President Aronowitz also stated Solstice and a Hospital Supplemental Plan is available to UTD members only – this information is on the web site.

Question/answer session followed.

***Security at the Council of Stewards Meeting***

Ms. Joan Cortez requested that Security be provided at the Council of Stewards meeting and President Aronowitz informed that this has already been taken care off.

Ms. Cortez informed that she has heard that the Superintendent is going to be walking into classrooms observing teachers; some of our teachers already are being extremely harassed and they need help.


***UTD Attendance/Stipend Committee Report***

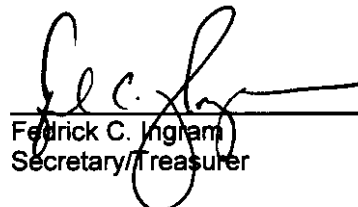
Ms. Peggy Green addressed the Board on this issue and discussed several of the recommendations from the committee: If a Board member misses an entire month, no stipend will be paid, unless it is in case of an extreme circumstance; if a Board member misses two months in a row, no stipend will be paid. Ms. Green also stated that it was discussed and recommended that if any E-board member is out 50% of the year, this will result in a meeting with leadership to determine if being a Board member is a responsibility that they are able to fulfill and then a report will be given to the Board.

Discussion followed. President Aronowitz recommended that due to the lack of time, this item will be discussed at the December 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, at which time a motion can be entertained on the recommendations.

It was recommended by Peggy Green to inform the Superintendent not to shut down the a/c units at schools during winter recess; this procedure only creates mold.

**Adjournment**

  
Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
Fredrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer