

H.I.V.E. Preparatory School
Thursday, September 26, 2013
Board Meeting
MINUTES

PRESENT: Joe Balerdi, Gordon Crozier, Peter Dedesma, Emilio Fox, Jenny Maya-Munne, Joaquin Novoa, Mari Pantin

- Meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
- We have officially changed our name to H.I.V.E Preparatory School (Highly Inquisitive & Versatile Education Preparatory School)
- We are an "A" school once again. Only 29% of state schools are "A" schools, back to back. Our proficiency continues going up and so are our learning gains, which that is hard to maintain.
- We met the state goals in "Learning Gains"
- Writing was our worst score, we had wrong formula. We have purchased a new program to get students ready for this year. Grammar is a part of writing and due to technology that hinders the skill (new program does not auto correct)
- Handwriting – teaching cursive 3rd thru 5th grade, with new tablet that has app to teach cursive the old fashioned way
- We have hired a music teacher. Kids are loving it. She is also assisting with writing program
- Common Core – is the teaching method we have been using, which is best teaching system for kids, not only to pass FCAT. We will continue doing what we have been doing
- Parents were given a survey on teachers and administrators. Average score was 50% among other schools. We received an 89%
- There are over 140 public schools and around 50% have Title I status.
- 77% of our students are either free or reduced lunch
- Theme for this year with our teachers is: Take Responsibility: Strengths, Challenges, Relationships
- Goal for students this year is: look others in the eye, care about academics, explain situations
- Education plan for 2013-14
 - Common Core K – 2
 - FCAT with blend of Common Core 3 – 5
 - Writing program / reader's theatre / keyboarding class / music class / technology integration / gifted-advanced program

- Our High-Performing Status allows us to (by March 1, 2014):
 - Increase enrollment, if facility allows – maybe have 2 shifts
 - Expand grade levels
 - 15-yr contract extension
 - 2% district administrative fee instead of 5%
- It was suggested to:
 - Continue to get 2nd building approved
 - Amend charter
 - Move office to portable – convert offices into classrooms
 - Add 6th – 8th grade even if we do not fill it
 - Need to add at least 10 students per grade through 8th grade
- Our asset is: Environment and Safety
- Emilio suggested that we need to start construction to make everything happen
- Our current parents are begging us to include Middle School
- Next steps to follow are:
 - Apply for zoning change
 - Hire a traffic engineer
 - Have architect continue with plans
 - Hire a land use attorney
- If Middle School is approved. We will need to:
 - Offer bus service
 - Change from 2 to 3 dismissals
- In October we will be visited by “Growth Fund”. They will help us with business plan for new school and management company
- Joaquin Novoa motioned and Peter Dedesma seconded to have Al Perez removed from the board since he has missed almost all meetings in the past year. At same time it was motioned to have Jenny Maya-Munne added as board member/parent representative
- Gordon provided a copy of the audited financials for June 2013. We have zero debt.
- We are forming a management company called Bridgerock Education
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. J. Novoa', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.