

HIVE Preparatory School
Thursday, March 08, 2018
Board Meeting
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joaquin Novoa, Jenny Maya-Munne, Peter Dedesma, Victor Giorgini

- Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am
- Mr. Gonzalez explained that the application review committee meeting for HIVE Prep – Riverside has been scheduled for next week. In this meeting, Mr. Dedesma, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Lopez will accompany Mr. Gonzalez to support the application. If the meeting goes well, the next step will be to conduct a contract review committee meeting to finalize the school's contract. It is the intention of the board to open this school in August of 2019. Should the need present itself, the school does have the option to defer the opening for another school year.
- HIVE Prep – Riverside building updates. Should the application meeting go well, the board will approve for the finalization of the demolition of the planned site. In addition, the bidding for the project, in its totality, has commenced and the goal is to break ground in April 2018.
- Mr. Dedesma introduced the discussion of school safety, following the unfortunate incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Mr. Gonzalez explained the schools current safety plan which already has a focus on entry/access points through the building and emergency drills and procedures. Mr. Gonzalez indicated that the greatest need, in his opinion, is the lack of armed police presence at the school. He also stated that the relationship between charter schools and school police is not existent and that the local municipalities do not work in collaboration with HIVE. They respond when needed, but they do not communicate potential problems or support the school when it anticipates any needs. Mr. Dedesma stated that a strong push should be made to create frequent meetings with local police agencies and the school.
- Florida TaxWatch visited HIVE Prep on Feb 27 to prepare some of its needed information for the upcoming award ceremony for Mr. Gonzalez. Sometime in April, they will be awarding Mr. Gonzalez as a middle school principal of the year for the 2017 school year. In this recent meeting, they interviewed board members, students, teachers, and administrators. The goal was to create a 30 second video for the April meeting.
- Mr. Lopez presented the school's budget up through February. The school is significantly ahead of projected budget due to the recent inclusion of the capital millage dollars that were not in the annual plan. Without this money, the school would be slightly ahead of its projected budget. The school's lawyer (Arnold Law Firm) recommended to all of its clients that these funds not be used until all litigation is complete. Currently, a decent number of school districts has sued in order to retain these dollars.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am