

**H.I.V.E. Preparatory School**  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Board Meeting  
**MINUTES**

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

- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am
  
- School News (SECME, Dance, High School Acceptance)
  - The school was recently officially awarded with its Silver School designation for its STEM audit from last school year. This was presented in front of thousands of people at the SECME competition last month.
  - We are doing extremely well academically and in the top STEM schools and we are not even a STEM school but we fit the characteristics of one.
  - We competed twice (for elementary and middle school) in math competition, brain bowl (3<sup>rd</sup> place for elementary), banner, essay (3<sup>rd</sup> place for elementary), science fair (1 gold and 3 bronze for elementary), water bottle rockets (3<sup>rd</sup> place for middle), and robotics (5<sup>th</sup> place for elementary)
  - Mr. Gonzalez discussed that STEM will continue to be a focus of the school and of the Riverside school.
  - A year-round Robotics club/team will be developed this summer with the incorporation of a Robotics/Coding Summer Camp. We are still deciding if it will be all summer or just a few weeks.
  
- Dance Team
  - The HIVE Dancers finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and in their division in the recent dance competition for middle schools. This was their first competitive experience.
  - They will be competing in a State and National competition in the coming months.
  
- High School Acceptance –
  - HIVE 8<sup>th</sup> graders are beginning to receive acceptance letters from their high schools of choice.
    - We have received acceptance into: MAST, DASH, Mater Academy, Mater Lakes, Miami Lakes Tech, Barbara Goleman Magnet, etc...
  
- HIVE's inaugural basketball season is under way. Tryouts have concluded and practices are in progress. We will play all away games due to the lack of an indoor court and the upcoming construction.

- Audits
  - The annual Curriculum and Compliance Audit has been completed. It went well with commendations on our time on task and quality of instruction. The recommendation was to incorporate more manipulatives that are not just technology driven.
  - We still have the ESOL, ESE, and financial audits to go.
  
- Budget
  - Evelyng has recently been hired by the school as the bookkeeper. She is currently working with Javier on reconciling and closing the last two months.
  - The second quarterly report showed the school's budget is at break-even through December; this is after the mid-year bonuses. This is ahead of the projected budget.
  
- IBB Contract –
  - An extended contract with the IBB site was presented. It shows an extension of 3 years to our lease or at least until we get the building expansion going. There is also an escalating rent for each year to adjust to local comparable. The language providing the school with a guarantee of the 3 years and providing the school with the right to terminate the contract still exists.
  - Board approved unanimously.
  
- Enrollment –

HIVE is graduating 38 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and has received notice from 11 families that they will not be returning. If this holds, 51 positions will be filled through the lottery. Most of which will be kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders.
  
- Facilities (Phase II, Riverside) –
  - Demolishing of the Riverside property has been approved. The Warrant from the City has been officially provided to the school.
  - Phase II received approval from the Lower Council this week and will be sent to Commission sometime soon.
  
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. [unclear]", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.