

HIVE Preparatory School

Thursday: February 15, 2023

Board Meeting

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Peter Dedesma, Jenny Maya-Munne, Victor Giorgini, Joaquin Novoa
Meeting Location: HIVE Preparatory School Cafetorium
Meeting called to order at 10:31 am

Prior Board Minutes reviewed and approved.

Opening Session

- Mr. Dedesma introduced that the contract with Bridgerock Education is up for renewal and proposed his support for the renewal. He indicated that the school continues to succeed in academics, enrollment, and environment and that Bridgerock plays a role in all three. Mrs. Maya-Munne agreed and moved to approve the extension of the contract for another 5 years with the same terms as in the current agreement. Mr. Giorgini seconded. Approved unanimously.

School Operations

- Mr. Gonzalez presented the school's mid-year data. He showed that the results are similar to last year's mid-year data and aligns with the end of year assessments from last year also. The school is out pacing the district in all categories across all grade levels. Mr. Gonzalez did express that the numbers are more difficult to utilize and trust due to the new progress monitoring assessments. The data provided by PM1 was pretty much "useless" because it tested information that has not been taught to students. PM2 data is better, but has not history to compare to.
- Mr. Gonzalez showed that applications for the SY2023.24 have been positive. A lottery has been conducted for kindergarten due to more applications received than positions to be filled. With they typical attrition of students (20-30 per year) the new kindergarten enrollment will place the school at 850.
- Mr. Gonzalez asked for the approval to pursue a work visa for a prospective teacher from Canada. This teacher has met all of the qualification necessary, as per legal counsel, but needs to be sponsored by HIVE in order to enter a visa lottery. The costs are expected to be around Seven Thousand Dollars should the process, in its totality, take place. Board Approved Unanimously.
- Next Education program with University of Miami was presented by Mr. Gonzalez. This program is a partnership with UM and Arizona State University. If approved, the program is

to provide a community of learning within classrooms. Basically, place 2-4 classes within one large space to encourage more collaboration and support. Mr. Gonzalez expressed his trepidation of too many students in large spaces and finding sufficient large spaces. He mentioned that there is still time to make the final decision.

Budget & Finances

- Mr. Lopez reviewed the most recent financials. The school's annual budget is nearing a break even despite not receiving much of the requested ESSER grants reimbursements. Without the reimbursement, the school is on track to finishing the year as expected. The school is pending over Six Hundred Thousand Dollars of reimbursed funds aligned to ESSER grants over the last 3 years. The reason for the balance in budget despite the grants is the addition of the Local Tax Referendum funds. These funds were first dispersed in December and will total over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars. These funds were not projected in the budget.
- Title 1 budget. Mr. Gonzalez introduced that the funds provided to the school via Title 1 were adjusted in December. The school will be receiving more funds than initially provided. Mr. Gonzalez explained that these funds are to supplement instruction and directly impact the goals within the SIP. Thus, Mr. Gonzalez requested that an additional paraprofessional be included to continue to provide more small group and individual attention to students. Mr. Gonzalez also explained that the school has a new CIS (Edibet) due to the departure of Marjorie.

Business Development

- Mr. Gonzalez stated that communications with the local possible site for the school to purchase or lease has diminished. There seems to be little interest in the other part to work with the school.
- Mr. Gonzalez presented that he will be attending and speaking at two CSGF retreats in the coming months. The retreats are great opportunities to learn new things and meet new people in the space and that speaking will give the school some notoriety.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am

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The minutes were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 15, 2023.
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Dedesma", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

By: Peter Dedesma March 15, 2023

