



December 7, 2024 @ 10:30 am

Mr. Dedesma called the meeting to order.

Meeting Called to Order

Prior Board minutes reviewed and approved.

Mr. Gonzalez presented the agreement document between Beacon College Prep and HIVE Prep. He explained the purpose of this document is to materialize and clarify to working agreement between the two schools. This document was created with support of HIVE's law firm and speaks directly to the services provided by HIVE to Beacon. When specific needs at Beacon arise, that HIVE can provide support, an implementation plan will be created. Mr. Gonzalez will be the final decision maker. Mr. Novoa expressed concern with the ability to support both schools properly and requested that a presentation be made in each subsequent meeting showing the impact of both schools. Mr. Dedesma asked that a non-compete and admin overhead be included. Board approved unanimously.

School Operations / Data

Mr. Gonzalez presented the school's mid-year data, to date. He showed that the data, when compared to last year, shows a slight improvement in every grade level. However, he showed that the cut scores have changed since this is still a new test and the State continues to make adjustments. The specific point of attention continues to be the current 5th and 8th graders. While both groups are scoring above the district and state averages, they are significantly below the school's other grade levels. Beginning small group instruction, decreasing class sizes by using teacher planning (only when they have sufficient), and morning tutoring have already begun to address these needs.

Enrollment: The October FTE has HIVE with the projected enrollment numbers as well as the desired free and reduced lunch numbers to qualify for Title 1. Mr. Gonzalez reminded the Board that a clerical error (via District instructions on inputting CEP information) resulted in HIVE losing its Title 1 status. The school district contacts expressed that they were looking into correcting this issue, but no resolution was ever presented. The current way forward was to qualify "newly" during this FTE window. No funds have been distributed as of this time, but the budget has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Mr. Gonzalez showed a presentation provided by a marketing / branding company. The purpose of this initiative is to try to make HIVE a known name. The school expects to continue to have a large waiting list due to its local popularity, but beyond the few miles surrounding the school, it seems that no one knows HIVE. With the use of branding images, colors and mascots and the use of social media marketing the goal is to improve its recognition around Miami.

Finance/Budget:

Mr. Lopez presented the current financial statements for the school. The school is meeting its budgeted expectations in expenses but not in revenue. The reason for the revenue deficiencies are that Title 1 funds have not been provided to the school and that the local tax referendum funds have not begun to be distributed to any school. When both of these funding sources arrive, the school will operate in the black. ESSER reimbursements have received in a more frequent pace than in prior years and some older, pre spent, reimbursements have arrived helping the school maintain its funds balance.

Mr. Gonzalez explained that HIVE has received a few visitors from other successful charter organizations this school year. IDEA Schools, a very successful organization based in Texas, and the Miami Dade College Charter Institute leadership have visited HIVE in the past few weeks.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 pm

