



Minutes Ivy Academy Board Meeting May 14, 2018 6:30 p.m.

**Attendees:**

Darrell Meece  
Jerry Webb  
Lisa Brown  
Dana Braddock  
Laura Federico  
Holly Slater (by phone)  
Angie Markum

**Old business:**

Approve March minutes. Lisa approves . Laura second.

**New business:**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

- 1) Academic progress no TNready or AP exam results yet. EasyCBM back in for all grade levels. Ms. Hooker reported to faculty, high risk category significantly decreased. RTI!!! (County benchmark). ACT for current year (small class) not terrible but not where we want to be. Lower than last year. Four students above 21. Hoping they can do senior retake. That helped us this year. Based on student levels, lower scores were expected. Several special ed students. Should be a little better next year, then definitely better.
- 2) Ms Eichorn reported:
  - 6th Fall 69 low risk, 18 some risk, 13 high risk.
  - Spring 74 low, 19 some risk, 7 high risk.
  
  - 7th Fall 56 low risk, 29 some risk, 15 high risk.
  - Spring 60 low risk, 28 some risk, 12 high risk.
  
  - 8th Fall 64 low risk, 20 some risk, 16 high risk.
  - Spring 64 low risk, 29 some risk, 7 high risk
- 3) MATH 6th grade Fall 49 low risk, 18 some risk, 33 high risk to  
spring 86 low risk, 12 some risk, 2 high risk
- 4) 7th math high risk 30 in fall to 7 in spring
- 5) 8th math high risk 13 in fall to 11 in spring
- 6) The fact that low risk goes up too means we are not just helping low kids, but we are differentiating.

NO EXPECTATION OF HAVING TNREADY SCORES TO COUNT AS PART OF STUDENT GRADES BEFORE SCHOOL IS OUT.

- 7) Enrollment outlook good. Re-running numbers for 9th grade . Added a new class from 2 middle school classes per grade to 3 for rising 9th graders, and maybe some 8th. Other grades good. Maybe 1-2 spots open.

Budget outlook

### **B. Financial Report**

- 1) Sent to treasurer on May 1 for preview. Sent P & L to Ethan two weeks ago. Summer saving on track.

### **C. Director of Development Report**

- 1) Update on construction - on schedule, a little ahead and under budget
- 2) Update on grants received and donations received. - tva \$4000 boat trailer. ( TN river rescue) now can fix pontoon. \$1500 Hamilton county water quality for citizen science. Cabinets for new construction, Don Ledford got 50% off so took cabinets off of Dillard bill.
- 3) Applied to Bass Pro Shop for grant
- 4) Update on RWS (Running with Sasquatch / CTSF (Cumberland Trail Spring Festival) money raised.  
Approx \$4000 for RWS  
Approx from Auction/Gate fee \$4200 to split (\$2,100 each) with Friends of the Cumberland Trail ( waiting for final bills to finalize profit. ) Will end up with 6000.00 FOR IVY. LOTS of work but good PR. Other events like auction and runs earn tens of thousands. How can we earn more? 5 th year of run. The others have big donors. Maybe look at dates. More stable. Easter was late, so two April weekends did not work. Next year, Rock creek has us for 1st week in April. Run up and paddle back!!! Relay. Could also do kids run and 10 k.
- 5) Adjacent property for sale - 275,000 for next door property. House would need too much work. Gets 1300/ mo rent now. But metal building would work. Triangle behind it for 75,000. Nearby similarly sized property sold for 330,000 with NICE usable building. Maybe white building for a teacher daycare or outdoor kindergarten.
- 6) Several nearby properties for sale but they want a lot! Some have been on the market for 2 years. We don't want something undesirable to go in, but ...
- 7) Tax exemption application for Charles Adams' property - need documentation to get tax exempt. Did not have documentation for this year but not having it cost us only \$50
- 8) Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Coordination - elementary school!
- 9) Reminder about board policies - need consistent meeting time. June 28 budget approval mtg. And calendar approval?

10) Do we have meeting times for next year? Dana and DR will make a tentative calendar.  
Will meet in August.

11)

EPA environmental outreach coming this week. Eichorn has contact at new REI.

**D. Other new business**

1. New course approvals. Entomology submitted senior level. DR Meece motion to approve. Approved by board. Approved by state also.
2. Date for hike to Charles Adams' property - summer? Maybe fall or maybe during Ivy summer camps.
3. New Board members update will contact Rebecca Jones from utc. Art Grisham attorney,
4. Board Development - member asset inventory  
. All board members, create a list of what you are good at and what you like to do.
5. Board Retreat- pick dates, Lisa recommends this. Sue Rice. \$150 for 1.5 hours to train board. Then spend rest of meeting to create a board vision. Still need state charter board law training. Could ask the state for a speaker on this topic. How about August 11? Also want to double size of board by then.
6. 8th grads home next Tuesday and Wednesday.
7. Meeting adjourned.