

Ivy Academy
Board of Directors
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“We are scholars. We are stewards. We are volunteers.
We are IVY!”



Agenda - July 13, 2021

6:40 Call to order and roll call

In attendance: Meece, Slater, Markum, Basham, Nunley, Webb, Miller, Prichard, Skates, Billow, Golden, Block, Dr. Ellington (UTC), Williams

Minutes from last meeting approved unanimously

6:41 Executive Director update (from Holly)

- Enrollment on track - 441 enrolled, budget set at 430; model this year based on two classes of seniors instead of three; every grade has a waiting list, possibly even senior class
- Academics progress, no end-of-year testing data at this time
- Master schedule is set for this next school year. Some staffing changes may affect.
 - Administrative staff resignation yesterday based on leadership recommendations; current leaders on admin team going forward well
- As stated at the last meeting, the budget is set and good; however, we had one surprise regarding funding which will be addressed in the New Business section this evening

6:48 Director of Development update (from Angie)

- Cafeteria update - metal building delivery in August; will take two weeks to construct; discussion of all the phases. We have enough money to get us through phase 3 and anticipate quick turnaround to completion
- Elementary Facility Update - Angie will send photos of recent design plans by email
- Elementary Launch Updates to be addressed in the Committee Reports and New Business sections

6:55 Committee Reports

Elementary Committee Report

- Website, Communications, Logo - Will take logo and improve on it as time goes by so the community will become familiar with it in the various recruiting venues
- Recruitment venues - Booker T. Washington State Park, Discovery Museum, Chattanooga Zoo, reaching out to state parks (festivals); our target audience is 3-5 year-olds for the first year
- Staffing - Need content academic expertise and state accountability; people are already reaching out to us. Laura Golden has reached out to a network of people. There are 24 schools in the country with a similar classical model; they are willing to help. One school is opening in

Kennesaw, GA soon. Dr. Ellington (UTC) has volunteered to help teacher development; he is a proponent of the classical model and is interested in the charter school model; Dr. Meece has volunteered to assist with the outdoor piece.

7:10 Old Business None

7:11 New Business

- JTG Funding Issue -
- Need confirmation vote on charter agreement retroactive to June 23rd to get elementary funding flowing - Motion to approve by Dr. Skates, second by Regina Block; unanimously approved
- Explanation of board status
 - Everyone is dual membership at this time. Angie: Optimum situation would be each person decides on which board to serve; elementary board will have many tasks to accomplish--current MS-HS board can afford to meet bi-monthly only.
- Set board retreat date including get-to-know-you supper as Dr. Skates suggested at the last meeting - August 20 (6-9) or supper (hamburger/ hot dog cookout [meats and fixings, paper products, drinks and ice provided by school] with sides brought by board members), August 21 (9-12) for meeting, voting in new members and doing required training (watch two specific trainings at the retreat; watch others on your own);
 - Use your Ivy email address for board communications.
 - You don't have to be on the board to do the trainings; all the trainings required by the State of Tennessee are online.

Adjourned at 8:21

Meeting Minutes for Review from Last Meeting:

Agenda - June 22, 2021

6:45 Call to order and roll call

In attendance in person and via Zoom:

Meece x2, Slater, Markum, Williams, Basham, Nunley, Skates, Brown, Ford, Miller, Pritchard, Grisar, Webb

Agenda:

Time to do board training, completed by November; information forthcoming from Director Slater

2021-22 budget presentation, questions and discussions, vote

Anything over \$5,000 not in the budget will be brought to the board

Jeanine to train new full-time bookkeeper if approved by the board; new employee will also do some HR tasks

Special Education, a half position added because of increase in students

ELC grant to pay for full-time nurse (to serve elementary school also)

Two educational assistants do not have contracts yet

Unemployment compensation insurance should be .7%, not .07% as shown on the budget.

Currently making MS restrooms single-stall, gender-neutral similar to HS restrooms

Dr. Skates made motion to approve, second by Ethan Miller, unanimous approval by the board

Vote to accept new Ivy Academy board members

Four new members who have been serving on the elementary committee (Ron Jones, Regina Block, Nilca Billow and Laura Golden), and Dr. Dawn Ford, were approved unanimously to be on the board by show of hands. At present, all members fully serve on both the boards.

Meeting in July; serving food as a meet and greet in September.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.