

Ivy Academy
Board of Directors

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“We are scholars. We are stewards. We are volunteers. We are
IVY!”



Minutes May 12, 2020

6:30 Call to order and roll call

In attendance: Patti Skates, Lee Prichard, Daniel Basham, DR Meece, Jerry Web, Lisa Brown, Catherine Nunley, Holly Slater, Angie Markum
First order of business is to approve minutes from March’s board meeting. Patti motioned to approve, Lee seconded, all in favor.

Graduation: It is looking like we will have to do a virtual graduation but we are exploring all options and trying to be creative about solutions.

6:31 Executive Director update (from Holly)

- Enrollment Reporting - enrollment secured for next year, 410 students
- Staff Reporting - all teaching positions secured for next year. We had 5 openings and they were all filled. Of the staff we are losing, they are moving away or moving to another position *within* the school
- Academic Reporting - 70% engagement, There were no EOCs this year, but we are happy to report that we had 70% engagement online as we finished out the year. While there is plenty of room to improve here it is a comparatively (to other schools) a great statistic. Ivy called every student and got all in need chromebooks, etc.
- Financial Reporting - on track for this year. The budget is in the process. The per-pupil income will be less this year, but it should not affect us too much.

6:45 Director of Development update (from Angie)

- Ivy vs. Beattie: We have filed a proof of claim and are waiting to hear back.
- Elementary Charter Update: We needed to write certain waivers that we were unaware of (they were not needed for the high school charter application). Each of these necessary waivers will be 2-3 pages long, requiring an additional 15-20 pages prepared. We will pursue this again for opening Fall 2022.
- Amendment for Number Enrolled Update: Our charter allows for 320 students. We are now up to 420. Hamilton County has approved the process to amend our charter to change the number. We will submit the amendment in September when the window opens.
- Construction Progress Update: Phase 1 is almost done! We owe about 300,000. We have 200,000 still available from the state and our First Horizons credit line will cover the rest.
- LOC Increase Update: First Horizon did stop new credit lines due to Covid-19 but are reviewing it now. There are some additional hoops to due Corona, but we are moving forward.
- Prospect of Accreditation: Board members to brainstorm and research and share at our next meetings.
- Focus on Development of Additional Outdoor Learning Areas: How school will function in the Fall is still up in the air but outdoor classrooms are much safer, so developing those now are a priority although online might still have to be an option. In any case, we want to make sure we find ways to keep the work rigorous. Volunteers to help with the outdoor classrooms are welcome.
- Prospect of Postponement of Annual Fundraiser to Next Year: Unfortunately, RWS had to be cancelled this year and because we want to keep it in the spring, we won't reschedule it in the Fall but wait until spring 2021.
- Bus Sealed Bid Process completed, Janitorial Bid in process: In line with the law, we are going with the lowest bidder and they are

also the most experienced bus company. We will approve them at the next meeting. The janitorial bid is still in process.

7:00 Old business

- Approval of Audit Proposal: We have always used Paul Johnson (Johnson, Murphy, and Wright) and we would like to use him again. The cost will be \$15,000 more because our budget has increased with more students, but we are very happy with his work and his specialties. Patti motioned to approve, Catherine seconded, all in favor.
- Making sure all approved meeting minutes are up to date on our website: Lisa is on it.

7:15 New Business

Next year we hope to have a major for teaching as a profession with an outdoor emphasis. 9th grade will pilot the 4 year program before we open it up to all grades. However that is subject to change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24