Ivy Hawn Board  
March 8, 2016  
MINUTES

ATTENDEES:  
Kelly Conway, David Pearl, Peromnia Grant, Don Travis, Greg Ruffin, Terri Hoag, Kelly Edman

Meeting was called to order by David Pearl at 9:30am

- Reading and reviewing of the minutes of December 14, 2016. Exactly what was discussed.
  - Motion to approve – Peromnia Grant
  - Seconded the motion – Terri Hoag
  - All approved

Public Comments  
None.

Committee’s

Per David Pearl, the fundraising committee reports that Sports Dress Down Day was very successful at $400.00 for PE department, Flapjack fundraiser $294.00, Chili Cookoff/Cupcake Wars very successful with turnout with the Lake Helen City Commission as our judges.

The Annual Golf Tournament meeting will be this afternoon, although over $8500.00 so far in sponsors, including 22 tee sponsors. Many auction items will be available. Some sponsors and the same from last year, but also some new. New volunteers helping with different sponsors.

The Admin Committee will have more available at the June meeting.

8th grade graduation will be May 25, 2017 and all board members are invited.

SAC is off and running, with 2 meetings already and has been very successful.

Principal’s Report

Report is attached. Notable achievements with Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent coming to the school for a visit. Loved and very impressed with our digital arts program.

Also, the League of Women Voters came for a visit. Had 2 hour meeting, then took all members on a tour of the school, where they could see classrooms and visit with teachers. Admitted to coming in to visit with mixed reviews due to other charter schools, but left with a much better overview. A very nice article in the local paper was written by one of the members, highly praising our school. Stating that we are meeting or exceeding state averages.

We do have a new school project of cleaning up the front of the school. Planting flowers and vegetables in our hydroponic garden, selling some vegetables to keep the program running. Working well with students studies in 3rd grade with science. Flagpole has been donated (worth $1848.50) and will be installed. One of our parents will also be donating a flag. We will have a ceremony to celebrate once placed, with the leadership council will be responsible for daily raising and lowering of the flag.

Students have asked to have a mascot here at Ivy Hawn. Art students have drawn some options, with the field being narrowed down to Huskies or Hawks.

January and February fundraisers were successful, including Kindness Tour with music and presentation with children for Kenya. Very positive presentation, did not focus on bullying but on kindness. Bracelets were made available for sale and all proceeds ($745) were donated for clean water in Kenya. Students left very positive. We have had 2 SAC meetings, parents have actively participated. Diversity Program was phenomenal!
1st African American teachers in the county attended.

Our ELA Writing University went very well. DJ played tunes and sang opera to a standing ovation. It opened to "Writing with Juicy Details" and students walked away with 8 strategies. They all dressed up like college students and attended master workshops. At the end, many students left with prizes, over $1000 in gift cards and prizes were donated.

Accreditation review team will be here 03/20-03/22/2017. They would like to interview the board members on 03/22/2017, schedule is attached. Will ask questions regarding school, most likely regarding community, parents, culture and staff.

One major goal is to raise student achievement scores. We did not do well with low performing percentile in reading and math in grades 4-8. We have tripled our technology this year. 88% one to one devices. Block and blended learning. Staff development to train how to engage students for 90 minutes.

Management Team
They will be opening a high school in Orange City in August 2018, starting with only 9th and 10th graders. It will be called Ivy Hawn Charter School of Arts and Sciences partnering with Halifax Health Systems. It will be a state of the art facility with 800 students. New members have been added to the EdFutures team, Dr. Margaret Smith and Katrina Guevara will be joining the already existing members – Don Travis, Dr. Carol Kelley and Judy Tabasco. The theatre here at Ivy Hawn will be worked on this summer, looking into financing. The budget has done very well this year, including internal accounts. Salaries have already been calculated for next year, with a performance bonus to high performing teachers. Greg Ruffin thinks capital outlay has potential to increase next year and will know more by June meeting. Budget was completed by this years dollars including Title II and capital outlay. Once actual funds known, adjustments will be made. Looking into air conditioning problem, possibly adding zones to help with hot and cold rooms.

Action Item
Motion needed to accept preliminary budget.
Motion to approve – Peromnia Grant
2nd – Terri Hoag
All in favor

New business
None

Next Meeting: June 14, 2017 9:00am

Meeting adjourned: 10:50am
Approved: Peromnia Grant
Seconded: Terri Hoag
All Approved.