

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, LEF OF
WEST BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON**

MEETING MINUTES
Date: December 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order 5:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present, Patrick Sandoe, Jhanet Garcia, Don Francey and Radhika Paul, and Priscilla Prado Stroze. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, attorney, Nadine Laham (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Regional Director Imagine Schools), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Manager), and Karen Gross (Business Manager), Karl Huber, Christian Cascone, Sylvia Allen, Greg Rodriguez, Barb Marcus, Erika Royal Barnes, Jason Montan, Kristen Mason, Patricia Roach, Simone Slater, Candy Teolis, Solange Ventura, Elena Grau, Rachel Stern, Debbie Geller, Christine LoSchiavo, Susana Padilla, J. Kenneth Feldman, Rod Sasse, Jason Bryant, Barry Sharp and Karen Breitbart.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

- Motion to approve minutes from prior meeting by Radhika Paul. Second by Priscilla Prado Stroze. All votes Aye (5-0)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Ms. Laham announced that the Imagine Teacher of the Year is Candy Teolis for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The Board was advised that Noteworthy and Inspire newsletters were included in their packets. They are publications from Imagine
- Announcement was made that the annual meeting will be on 1/20/15. Paul Eichner, attorney to the Board updated the Board as to the number of open seats.

- Two seats are up for election. The Board is comprised of 5 seats. The seats occupied by Don Francey and Patrick Sandoe are up for 2 year terms. Jhanet Garcia formally resigned at this meeting and there is 1 year left on her 2 year term. That seat would be filled for the remainder of her two year term.
- The open Board seats will be advertised.
- Next board meeting will include multiple meetings and agendas:
 - -special meeting for how many board members the Board wants (must be an odd number).
 - -election meeting
 - -regular board meeting
- An email blast to all parents will go out and the website will include the information.
 - -it would be helpful to have someone with financial background and accounting experience on the board. Jhanet Garcia stated that she would assist whoever takes over.
 - Priscilla Prado Stroze suggested a deadline to submit the resumes, Radhika Paul suggested 2nd week of January.
- There was an awards presentation for Jhanet Garcia on her last day.
- Board meeting was recessed at 5:53 p.m. to allow the Board to have a joint Workshop with Imagine Corporate representatives and the Board of Imagine Middle School West.
- The workshop was convened with the governing boards of both schools in attendance along with Imagine Corporate CEOs and executive members: Jason Bryant, Barry Sharp, Rod Sasse, Karl Huber, Christian Cascone, & Jacky Vernon. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss some of the challenges that face Imagine Weston and the steps that can be taken to mitigate the challenges. Topics included teacher retention, facilities, curriculum and financial stability.
- The Board Meeting reconvened at 9 p.m. Radhika Paul had to leave towards end of the workshop. All other members of the Board were present.

BOARD ACTION:

- Mr. Eichner will come up with a resolution to be considered by board for the facilities task force –motion made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, Don Francey seconded the motion. All aye (4-0)

- Motion to direct Imagine Corporate to create first letter to the school parents communicating the reasons we have to be grateful and to include successes from the year and upcoming challenges. Don Francey made the motion, Jhanet Garcia second (all aye 4-0)
- Motion made to allow Mr. Sandoe to sign the letter drafted by Imagine Charter for him to sign on behalf of the board. Seconded by Jhanet Garcia. All aye (4-0)
- Motion to disseminate letter by all customary channels before winter break made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey. All aye (4-0)
- Mr. Eichner suggested that we expand our board to include 2 community seats to be filled by Board appointment. They count towards quorum. The challenge then is to make sure we have quorum. This is something for the Board to consider during the January meeting.
- Motion to amend the motion to authorize the creation of the parent letter to include the information regarding the two vacancies. Motion made by Don Francey and seconded by Jhanet Garcia. All aye (4-0)

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Candy Teolis- spoke to the Board with an impassioned plea to retain quality teachers as much as we can.

BOARD INPUT:

- Priscilla Prado Stroze suggested that a representative should visit Franklin Academy and see how they were able to get a new building.
- Next meeting scheduled for January 20, 2015
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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 Governing Board President
 1/27/15