

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

MEETING MINUTES
Date: April 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present, Patrick Sandoe, Radhika Paul, Veronica Diaz, Autumn Karlinsky and Priscilla Prado Stroze. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham (Principal), Jacky Vernon (South Florida Region Director Imagine Schools), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Manager), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Sylvia Allen, Erika Royal Barnes, Jason Montan and Susana Padilla

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice

Mrs. Vernon asked if additional details needed to be added to the meeting minutes from February. Mrs. Stroze noted that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Priscilla Prado Stroze. All aye (4-0)

Motion to take item 4C out of order

Mr. Francey submitted his resignation via email to Ms. Laham on March 30, 2015. Resignation is now accepted. Mrs. Karlinsky is filling the last board seat.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Update on status of school property

Ms. Laham addressed item 4a regarding possible purchase of the school property. Mr. Edelman sent an estoppel letter (to see if there is anything that would impede the sale of the property). He and his group are refinancing this property in their name and are scheduled to close tomorrow (April 20, 2015).

Ms. Laham is unaware if the existing corporation is the one that is refinancing and whether all the same persons are involved.

There are some pending open permits. Whoever the party to the permits is, they haven't used the 2500 address (physical school address) as the address for the permits.

Permits are from 2005-open permits that the county is trying to clear up. They are to specific buildings on the property on which no work was done. Title search had open permits that have not been closed. Were during Imagine's tenancy years ago, but not when Ms. Laham was here.

4 b. Testing

Writing scores for grades 4-8 (FSA) will be integrated with their reading scores. The result is more of a general English test. Last year's FCAT tests separated, reading and writing. Writing was only for grades 4 & 8 in the past, now grades 4-8 are tested as well.

School had glitch yesterday with test from AIR (the company that administers the FSA tests) for 8th grade math.

3 and 4 grade testing is paper and pencil. Upper grades have computer based (CBT) testing.

5th and 8th grades still have FCAT Science (paper and pencil).

Schools don't expect scores back before next fall/winter.

We are expecting comparison percentiles on the FSA tests which explain how the students in the state did and how our school students did in comparison by early summer.

May go back to SAT 10 test as an alternative assessment for the students in 3rd grade that are in danger of retention.

Testing will go all the way through May. Civics, Algebra and Geometry have an end of the year test (EOC).

GEM math is for middle school. Kids are in the program based on standardized test scores.

4th graders (2 classes) are taking TIMMS test.

4 c. (handled above) regarding the change in the configuration of the Board

Patrick Sandoe: Transportation contract. Mr. Sandoe recommends reaching out to transportation contractor.

Jacky reached out to school board to see if school board has reduced the expectations for insurance coverage for the transportation.

Patrick Sandoe would like to know if the transportation company is planning on raising the rates.

Facility issue:

Patrick Sandoe may want to consider making a better offer for the property

Priscilla Prado Stroze believes that owner was possibly not ever interested in selling. He never responded to the offer letter tendered by the school.

We have to think about what to do in the future, Ms. Laham will bring resolution to establish a facilities task force back to the Board at the next meeting.

Paul Eichner gave new board members an update on the historical issues with the property and gave new board members instructions on meeting and discussing issues that may come up before the Board.

Radhika Paul: Thanked Ms. Laham for introducing the Board Members to parents at the various events

Need to update new governing board members on the webpage. Update spelling of her name and also update that she is the elementary school liaison.

Autumn Karlinsky wanted to know who trains the governing board. Was informed that she has to go to governing board training, which is an on line course.

Priscilla Prado Stroze raised issue of getting someone to write grants. Suggested a grant writing task force comprised of interested parents.

Radhika Paul left meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 26, 2015

Meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.


Governing Board President
6/9/15