

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

MEETING MINUTES  
Date: October 19th, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present, Patrick Sandoe, Veronica Diaz, and Priscilla Prado Stroze. The following persons were also present: Nadine Laham (Principal), Jacky Vernon (South Florida Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Summer (Assistant Principal), Elsa Forthmuller (Region Finance Manager), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Erika Royal Barnes, Jason Montan, Don Francey.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice

Mr. Sandoe asked if additional details needed to be added to the meeting minutes from September 29th, 2015, noting that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Mrs. Stroze requested to correct the minutes on the Board Input regarding the amount received from donations for the All in for Excellence initiative. The elementary received \$1000 and the middle school received \$250. Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Veronica Diaz All aye (3-0) with the changed amounts.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Don Francey -reported on his meeting with the landlord, Mr. Ken Edelman. Mr. Francey had breakfast with Mr. Edelman where Mr. Edelman stated that he is not interested in selling the property to the school. He explained that he was refinancing the property and the institution he is dealing with told him that if he had a long-term lease in place the loan conditions would be more favorable. He indicated to Mr. Francey that he is willing to explore terms with Imagine Weston.

- Don spoke about some issues that would affect the negotiations, such as conditions of the buildings, drainage of the field, the yearly lease increases, etc. and how Imagine still has other options that the Boards will continue to exhaust until we find a solution. Don felt that Mr. Edelman might work with us to find a solution.
- Patrick reminded the Board about the idea of built out and the difficulties we would face with the city. He mentioned his concerns that any plan would need to be one of financial sustainability before any agreement can be reached.
- Paul Eichner, cautioned that the Board should make a motion to request information about Imagine's position and once that motion was done, Don Francey could communicate to Mr. Edelman the Boards' intentions in a timely manner in order to avoid any loss of opportunity because of time.
- Don proposed a business plan as follows:

(a) Current composition of the school moving forward, including what lease concessions would be necessary to make the school sustainable, including teacher's salaries

(b) Build-out construction and the FTE increase including teachers salaries commiserate with Broward county salaries enabling us to keep us economically sustainable

(c) What are Imagines' long-term plans with regards to the lease, including collecting their \$1.5 M security deposit

All in for Excellence-current donations and website. Karen presented the amount of donations received, total of \$5,098.90 and Middle School amount of \$2,985.80

#### BOARD ACTIONS

Motion approved to direct Imagine to provide the following:

- Business plan with the current composition of the school moving forward, including what lease concessions would be necessary to make the school sustainable, including teacher's salaries
- Business plan with build out construction and the FTE increase including teachers salaries commiserate with Broward county salaries enabling us to keep us economically sustainable
- What are Imagines' long term plans with regards to the lease, including collecting on the security deposit
- Proposal made by Priscilla Prado Stroze and seconded by Veronica Diaz . All aye (3-0)

PUBLIC INPUT


Jhanet Garcia was present and she expressed her interest to be part of the Board for the Elementary school

BOARD INPUT

NONE

NEXT BOARD MEETING: It may be before November 17th, 2015 at 5:30pm. Further notice will be sent.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

  
Cecilia Board President  
12/7/15