

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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 16th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present: Patrick Sandoe, Veronica Diaz, Radhika Paul, Jhanet Garcia, Erika Barnes and Pascal Royal. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Summer (Assistant Principal), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Susana Padilla, (Curriculum Coach), Sylvia Allen, Don Francey. Parents: Elvira Diez and Martha Gosselin.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice

Mr. Sandoe asked if additional details needed to be added to the meeting minutes from January 19th, 2016 and noted that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Motion to table the regular January 19th, 2016 meeting and amend to remove details about the dollar amount, made by Radhika Paul, seconded by Erika Barnes. All aye (6-0).

Mr. Sandoe asked if additional details needed to be added to the meeting minutes from February 1st, 2016 noted that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Radhika Paul, seconded by Veronica Diaz. All aye (4-0).

Erika Barnes (VP)
3/15/16

Mr. Sandoe asked if additional details needed to be added to the Annual meeting minutes from January 19th, 2016 noted that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Motion to amend spelling of name to Pascale and Erica to amend meeting minutes made by Radhika Paul, seconded by Erika. All aye (6-0). Motion to accept the annual amended meeting minutes made by Radhika Paul and seconded by Veronica Diaz. All aye (6-0)

Mr. Sandoe asked if additional details needed to be added to the special meeting minutes from January 19th, 2016 noted that the minutes, as written, contained what was discussed. Motion to amend the spelling of names for Theresa Sumner, made by Radhika Paul, seconded by Veronica Diaz. All aye (6-0). Motion to accept the amended minutes by Radhika Paul seconded by Veronica Diaz. All aye (6-0)

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fun Run- Sunday Feb 21st at Weston Regional Park. Starts at 8:30 A.M. Ms. Laham advised the Board that this event, thus far, has a low participation. The Board discussed the reasons for the low participation as well as other fund raising events such as "All in for Excellence" and the upcoming Golf Tournament. The Board discussed the idea to remind parents about "All in for Excellence" again.
- b. Honor Roll (2nd Quarter) presentations will be in each class with the principal and Assistant Principal. No Honor Roll ceremony for parents will be held due to BSA testing and test preparations.
- c. Science Fair Results. 14 First place winner for 4th, 5th and Middle School. Lots of 2nd and 3rd places as well. Everybody who competed won. Only 1 Honorable Mention
- d. Upcoming Testing. BSA testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Computer testing is going on right now. The writing tests are coming at the end of February and the beginning of March.
- e. Imagine Principals' Summit. Ms. Laham and Mrs. Vernon were in Orlando at an Imagine Schools' Summit training last week.

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON – UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

- a. Recent appointment with Jody Perry regarding consolidation. Mrs. Vernon met with Jody Perry, District Director of Charter Schools. In the meeting Ms. Perry made a recommendation to use another part of the Florida Statute to Consolidate Middle School into the Elementary School. Florida Statutes Section 1002.33 (7)©: A charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor or the charter school's governing board and the approval of both parties to the agreement. Modification may include, but it not limited to, consolidation of multiple charters into a single charter if the charters are operated under the same governing board and physically located on the same campus, regardless of the renewal cycle. Mrs. Jody used this Statute with other schools in the past with successful results. The recommendation is to have the same members in the 2 boards in order to be in compliance with the new statute. The Boards discussed the implication with the consolidation on regards of debts and assets and Imagine Corporate position on regards of the debt.
- b. Advice from Imagine attorneys for consolidation.
- c. Next Steps

PAUL EICHNER

Mr. Paul Eichner, attorney, commented on his meeting with Melissa Arnold, Esq., the attorney from Imagine Schools. He also commented on the Letter of Credit based on the Lease Agreement.

Discussion and action pertaining to the consolidation of the Learning Excellence Foundation of West Broward County, Inc charter (grades K-5) and Imagine West Broward Inc charter (grades 6-8) subject to the approval of the School Board of Broward County.

The Board discussed the increase of Debt coming from the letter of credit on the lease as well as the Debt they might acquire from the Middle School during the consolidation.

Ms. Jhanet Garcia commented on the consolidation and the savings we are going to have. Also, once the consolidation happens we might be acquiring the obligations from the Middle School. The discussion centered on the

consolidation and how it should result in a positive, financial outlook. Mr. Sandoe expressed to the Board his concerns regarding Imagine's position on the acquiring debt from the consolidation of the Middle School. He asked Mrs. Vernon to express to Imagine corporate the Board's concerns and its desire to maintain and retain the talented teachers of Imagine Weston.

Motion was made to immediately elect to the governing board of Learning Excellence Foundation of West Broward County, Inc. the members of the governing board of Imagine-West Broward, Inc. to allow for the two boards to have the same membership so as to meet the requirements for consolidation in Florida Statutes Section 1002.33 (7)©; provided, however that, should the School Board of Broward County decline to permit the consolidation of the Charters by June 30, 2016, the composition of the Board will revert to its prior number of directors and its same members without any further action needed by this Board, made by Erika Barnes seconded by Radhika Paul. All aye (6-0).

Motion to increase the number of Directors to 11 for the Learning Excellence Foundation of West Broward county, Inc.: seat number 8: Mr. Montan for one year, seat number 9 vacant for one year, seat number 10: Sylvia Allen for 2 years and seat number 11: Don Francey for 2 years, was made by Radhika Paul and seconded by Erika Barnes. All aye (6-0)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to elect the following officers:

President	Patrick Sandoe
Vice President	Erika Royal Barnes
Vice President	Jhanet Garcia
Secretary	Sylvia Allen
Treasurer	Veronica Diaz
Directors	Radhika Paul, Don Francey, Jason Montan, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Pascale Royal

Motion made by Radhika Paul, seconded by Don Francey. All aye (8-0)

BOARD ACTIONS (also see above in the minutes)

Discussion pertaining to negotiating the lease.

Paul Eichner discussed the legal fees from the Broker of \$60,000. The suggestion was to use a company for an assessment of the condition of the property, to come to a dollar amount for each item in the buildings in order to identify the dollar amount of the replacements the buildings need to have for the lease negotiations. Negotiations have not gone any further due to the broker's fees. Paul is looking for suggestions and waiting for the name of the property assessment company in order to move forward

PUBLIC INPUT

Martha Gosselin talked about the importance of building parents' morale. She thinks the sense of community as well as the parents' involvement is not where it should be.

BOARD INPUT

Karen Gross presented the Board with copies of the current Budget for their edification and to keep updated. She will should bring a monthly to each meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

March 15th, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 P.M.