

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, LEF OF
WEST BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON
MEETING MINUTES
Date: March 15th, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

- Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present: Erika Royal Barnes, Veronica Diaz, Radhika Paul, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Sylvia Allen and Jason Montan. 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), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Director) .

PUBLIC NOTICE

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice was given via the website, email blast and posted on the front door of the school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Mrs. Allen made the motion to accept the February 16 2016 minutes with the following corrections/amendments... Mrs. Stroze seconded the motion. All ayes 6-0
 - Change spelling of Pascale (to include 'e')
 - Correct spelling of Ms. Sumner's name
 - add a space between Susana Padilla's names
 - add that the January 2016 minutes were approved as amended
 - change the 7c from copyright.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Fun Run- was held Sunday Feb 21st at Weston Regional Park. It is Imagine's biggest fundraiser of the year. Over 500 families participated. The Celebrity cruise raffle brought in about \$11,000.
- The next big fundraiser is the golf tournament scheduled for Friday, May 13th. A banquet follows the golf tournament with a silent auction. Celebrity cruises had donated a cruise for us to raffle off. There will be prizes for the top five teachers whose classes sell the most raffle tickets. (\$500 for 1st and \$100 for rest)
- VPK Registration generated much interest. People were camped out with tents since Saturday for the Wednesday afternoon registration. There are approximately 40 seats available.

- Staff appreciation week is this week. PTP served bagels and coffee to staff and also shared with some of the VPK parents waiting outside on line.
- Registration for next year - Kindergarten letters are going out this week. All the 5th graders who want to transition to Imagine middle school have been accepted. It is a bit over the number, but some expected to drop out. Registrar has been out (she is a grandma to twins) and Monica and Maria have been covering nicely.

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON – UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

- A packet from Ms. Perry indicates that we can have up to 2009 students on campus but that number includes the cafeteria.
- Based on the Florida statute that we are proceeding under, this consolidation should be approved. We meet all the criteria (including same governing board) and so it is expected to be pushed through effective July 1, 2016.
- Elementary budget - if the consolidation is approved before July 1st, 2016 would like to have a more realistic budget for the school. It is due on June 30th. Around that time either an Elementary budget or a Consolidated budget will be submitted depending on the school status at that time.

PAUL EICHNER

Mr. Eichner noted that Ms. Vernon had to have contact with the landlord, Mr. Edelman, regarding a tax exempt certificate, so Mr. Eichner contacted Mr. Edelman. Mr. Eichner thanked Mr. Edelman for agreeing to the conflict of interest to allow us to hire Mrs. Kreitzer. Mr. Edelman inquired about the status of things and Mr. Eichner informed him that we tried to hire someone from CBRE but they were too expensive. Mr. Edelman offered for the Board to work directly with him, that he would 'save them money' but to be fairly represented we will pursue other parties. Mrs. Kreitzer has given some names that Mr. Eichner has reached out to, but has yet to hear from.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

BOARD INPUT

Veronica Diaz is trying to make Imagine a safer place for children with allergies. She is a member of Food Allergy Research. Schools have to be in compliance with discrimination law (disability) effective 2008. Schools have to develop a plan under 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Schools can make 504 plan for students with food allergies. If they get a complaint, they can lose funds. Discussion ensued about what Section 504 requires and how communication can be improved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 19th, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:31 P.M.

Rebecca
 Governing Board President
 4/19/16