

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

**MEETING MINUTES
Date: September 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order on Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 5:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Patrick Sandoe, Erika Royal Barnes, Radhika Paul, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Pascale Royal, Jhanet Garcia, and Sylvia Allen. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Sumner (Assistant Principal), Susana Padilla (Curriculum Specialist), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Director) and Judith Kreitzer (attorney). Board members absent: Veronica Diaz, Don Francey and Jason Montan.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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

LEASE NEGOTIATIONS:

- Mr. Eichner introduced Mrs. Kreitzer and the Leasing Services Agreement and Exhibit A - Scope of Services agreement
- Mrs. Kreitzer outlined and discussed the above agreements, how they were reviewed and adjusted in order to go in to negotiations with the Paiz group to work on the lease negotiations on behalf of the Board with the Landlord; also discussed/added is the staggering of payments to the Paiz group as things progress.
- Once agreement is formalized with the Paiz Group, the first step is to coordinate with the landlord and get the inspection date set. At that point, Imagine may want to step in and have representation at that time.
- Mrs. Prado-Stroze motioned to accept the Real Estate Leasing Service Agreement and Exhibit A and authorize Mr. Sandoe to sign said agreement. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. All ayes 7-0
- Mr. Eichner and Mrs. Kreitzer will contact Mr. Edelman.

ALL IN FOR EXCELLENCE:

- Mrs. Barnes has been in contact with Crowdrise to discuss this year's handling of All In For Excellence donations. Crowdrise can make one website now that the two schools are consolidated. Pictures and video and possibly even a letter can be loaded on this website. The fee will be \$50/month like last year. It can be up and running in a week.
- Mrs. Laham will send out a letter once Mrs. Barnes finalizes things with Crowdrise.
- Mrs. Barnes requesting pictures and will be in touch with the yearbook contact, Tracy Chess.
- Mrs. Prado-Stroze motioned that Mrs. Barnes direct Crowdrise to update the webpage and to accept the same terms as last year. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. All ayes 7-0.

Next meeting date change

- Two dates are presented for next meeting, Sept 20th and Sept 26th. Mrs. Laham will poll Board members to determine quorum and set the date

PUBLIC INPUT

- Mrs. Vernon has been very impressed with the collaborative effort for the beginning of the new school year between Administration, staff, volunteers and parents.
- Ms. Rauch echoed the sentiment saying parents were very happy with how smoothly & positive things are going.
- Ms. Laham's fiance` kicked off All In For Excellence this year with a \$500 contribution
- Ms. Garcia inquired about the teachers and staff perception regarding the fund designation discussion of last meeting. Ms. Laham remarked that she had addressed it at a recent staff meeting to clear up misconceptions. Mr. Sandoe expressed that after all the effort the Board has put into making the school financially strong and still pouring as much into the teachers and staff as possible, that he was personally hurt by the reaction. He thanked Ms. Laham for her effort to clear the situation.

BOARD INPUT

- Mr. Sandoe thanked Mrs. Forthmuller for helping to adjust current information on the All In letter and video.
- Mrs. Prado-Stroze inquired why the playground drainage is so poor and can't anything be done about it.
- Mrs. Paul has had several parents approach her about the pizza served at lunch in the cafeteria. They find the pizza unsatisfactory. Ms. Laham will go to the vendor to ask again if it can be changed. She has been told in the past that due to Federal Regulations of this lunch program, the pizza offering is limited.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held either September 20th or 26th, 2016 (depending on the availability of the attendees) at 5:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:58 P.M.

Ornella Bures