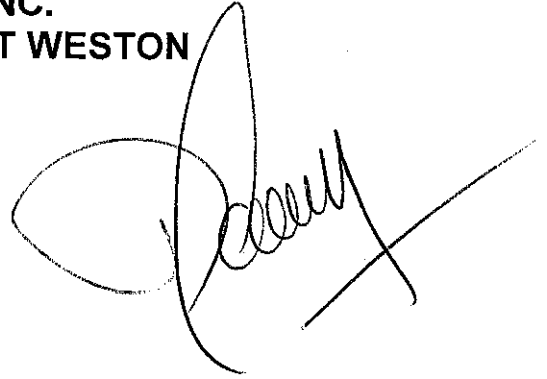


**MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD,  
LEARNING EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION OF  
WEST BROWARD COUNTY, INC.  
d/b/a IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON**

**MEETING MINUTES  
Date: February 21, 2017**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Francey called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Don Francey, Erika Barnes, Sylvia Allen, Jhanet Garcia, Radhika Paul, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Pascale Royal and Jason Montan. 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), and 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. Stroze made the motion to accept the January 17th 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. All ayes 7-0

Mrs. Stroze made the motion to accept the January 17th 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. All ayes 7-0

Mrs. Stroze made the motion to accept the January 17th 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. All ayes 7-0

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Playground has passed both inspections. It was proposed that a Grand Opening be held and sponsors that helped to fund be invited to attend.
- Grades 4-8 females and their mothers have health night sponsored by Baptist Health, February 22,2017 @6p.m.
- Grades 4-8 FSA writing February 28th

- Mrs. Karen Breitbart has been named the Gulf/Atlantic Group's Teacher of the Year. She is the first of Imagine Weston's teachers to advance to this level. She continues in the process and has to complete another video/packet.
- Lottery window to close February 28, 2017. Pre-K has approximately 42 spots - that registration is early March. There is a waiting list for all grades.
- FTE window closed with full enrollment
- All In For Excellence to be going out next week now that Fun Run is complete per Ms. Laham.
- Principals and Regional heads attended a summit in Orlando to learn Imagine visions for the upcoming year.
- Imagine Weston has two entrants, one in fifth and the other sixth grade, in the Scripps Spelling Bee.
- Valentines dances for 2-5 grades are being held on February 24th
- SAFE Act - approved and sent to DOE - partial funding of the grant is expected by the end of the school year with the remainder at the beginning of next school year. The grant funds will be broadly allocated to various programs
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**REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON –**

- Regarding Lease Negotiation process: Property Survey: Imagine has reviewed various names for consideration of Inspection of property and approved and selected one of the proposed entities. It is coming out of Imagine Regional budget. The Inspection company will work with Ms. Laham on coordinating their time on campus. It should be completed 30-45 days once they can start. Once Imagine gets the report a copy should be forwarded to the Board.
- A letter should be going out to the landlord informing of the actions - coordinate with Ms. Kreitzer and the Paiz's. The school is working in good faith to get to negotiation phase.
- Consolidation: After all the calculations have been completed and Interest due has been forgiven, the total amount due Imagine Corporate by Imagine Weston is \$19,745.00 Mrs. Forthmuller will find out how much is due now. Ms. Vernon does not expect the full amount to be due all at once, but will find out the repayment schedule.
- Mrs. Forthmuller will redo the budget so that year end calculations will be reflected.
- Agreement between the LEF and Imagine West; and a letter between the Board and Imagine Corp. Need the attachments physically with other documents to vote on entire package.
- Ms. Vernon will forward information electronically for all board to review at least one week in advance.

## **BOARD VACANCY**

- It was decided at last month's Board meeting to reduce board size from 11 to 9. There is one vacancy on the board. We have a staggered board to keep relatively stable board with rolling membership. There is one vacancy (seat 5) with one year remaining due to the resignation of Mr. Sandoe. Ms. Laham put out word of vacancy and solicited interest. We have several people here showing interest. It was decided to interview potential board members.

Mrs. Barnes made the Motion to hear all of the candidates tonight, but take resumes home for consideration and vote at the next meeting. Mrs. Prado Stroze seconded. All ayes. 8-0

The various interested parties introduced themselves, provided resumes/letters of interest and fielded questions from the Board.

## **BOARD ACTION**

- None

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

- Mrs. Gross needs all Board Members to complete Standard Forms for Conflict of Interest Policy and returned signed to her.
- Ms. Vernon noted that she has received phone calls from tenants across the street complaining of Imagine Weston's parents using their business parking lot for school activities especially drop off and pick up. It is becoming a nuisance and as a good neighbor, could the school please get parents to stop. Ms. Vernon asked everyone to get the word out that parking in the lots of those businesses is a problem.

## **BOARD INPUT**

- Mrs. Paul commented on the bus rider issue - discrepancies between Imagine and the bus company.
- Mrs. Paul shared that parents let her know that they are liking the new Remind App.
- Both Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Allen expressed concern over the delay of All In. It was noted that the Board had in a previous meeting taken the time to discuss and had instructed administration to roll out the All In with FTE week mailings. Between meetings, administration decided to hold off on the All In roll out until after FunRun.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Learning Excellence Foundation of West Broward County, Inc. d/b/a Imagine Charter School at Weston will be held on March 21, 2017 at 5:30pm.