

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

**MEETING MINUTES
Date: June 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

*Antonio M. S.C.
8/1/17*

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Erika Royal Barnes, Jhanet Garcia, Priscilla Prado-Stroze, Pascale Royal, Jason Montan, Scott Beck 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).

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. Barnes made the motion to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes. Mr. Montan seconded the motion. All ayes.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Laham reviewed test score results by grade. Some of the results were exceptional and some require improvement.
- There are some Middle School teaching positions open that Ms. Laham is actively pursuing filling.
- Three teachers that had previously taught at Imagine Weston and have been on personal leave are returning to Elementary to teach in the 2017-2018 school year.
- During the last week of school there were moving up activities for Pre-K, Kindergarten, Fifth and Eighth grades.
- Ann Scott attended the 5th grade moving up ceremony

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON –

- Ms. Vernon commended Ms. Laham and all that worked on the various end of year ceremonies. Everything was very nicely done.
- Ms. Vernon is very proud of the school test scores.
- Ms. Laham did express some concern over what score the middle school will get.
- There was a question about the lease and it's progression, Mr. Eichner responded and shared that he and Ms. Kreitzer provided Mr. Francey with quite a bit of information and Mr. Francey will review it and get back them. Mr. Eichner intends to ensure that the Board gets a copy of the inspection report. Currently, Mr. Francey has a copy of it.
- Ms. Vernon shared that she and Mr. Sassy had wanted to be a part of the meeting with Mr. Eichner, Ms. Kreitzer and Mr. Francey, but they were not. They hope to be a part of the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

- None

BOARD INPUT/DISCUSSION

- Mrs. Royal noted that the Kindergarten Bi-Lit moving up ceremony was incredibly cute.
- There was extensive budget discussion. Ms. Garcia went over line items, reminding the Board of various responsibilities including notes owed and reserve amounts to cover out of ordinary expenses.
- Much discussion on teacher retention and compensation. Possibly setting up a future fund designated for retention and recruitment of teachers and staff. It will depend on final numbers.
- It was noted that Ms. Laham did distribute bonuses/stipends for Team Leaders, Committee Chair, Technology, Perfect Attendance.
- Ms. Vernon shared that there is a bill in Tallahassee now that would allow charter schools to share in the millage collected by the county. In Sarasota this amounts to approximately \$1,100/student additionally.
- Currently base allocation appears to only be increasing by \$42/student.
- Within the projected 2017-2018 budget: computers are not up to par, plan is to purchase a new cart of computers and replace some of the teacher computers. The Budget currently allows for only one cart of computers.
- All In For Excellence has approximately \$7,000 for the 2016-2017 school year. Must be used within the year it was raised. Since there is great need in technology, it was suggested to put the funds towards technology this year.
- It was also noted that if "All In For Excellence" is to continue there should be focused campaigns to eliminate ambiguity. It would be prudent to kick off on day 1. Ms. Vernon suggested to start at Meet and Greets.

- No July Meeting, but suggested having an early August meeting to discuss some of the items that require addressing prior to the beginning of school.
- Mr. Montan and Ms. Royal will assist with technology purchases.

BOARD ACTION

- Mrs. Prado-Stroze made the motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion. All ayes.
- Ms. Garcia made the motion to pay off the \$19,745.00 final note to Imagine Schools. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion. All ayes. Mr. Eichner will need to see Satisfaction of the Note.
- Mr. Montan motioned to allocate \$7,000 of the "All In For Excellence" money to technology. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. All ayes.
- Mrs. Barnes motioned to designate Mr. Montan to provide guidance to Imagine IT personnel on behalf of the Board, specifically on the use of the All In money. Mrs. Prado-Stroze seconded the motion. All ayes.
- The Board asked Ms. Laham to include "All In For Excellence" and the meeting calendar on the next agenda. (It was noted, the Board will need to meet with auditors the week of September 18-21, 2017.)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Governing Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.