

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

**MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Erika Royal Barnes, Priscilla Prado-Stroze, Pascale Royal, Scott Beck, Don Francey and Sylvia Allen. Jhanet Garcia attended the meeting via phone conference call. The following persons were also present: Julie Klahr, (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

Mr. Beck made the motion to approve the February 12th minutes. Mr. Francey seconded the motion. All ayes.

Mr. Beck made the motion to approve as amended the March 20th meeting minutes. Mr. Francey seconded the motion. All ayes.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Testing – state testing ongoing from now to end of year. This week is middle school. next week is 5th grade
- Talent Show – April 21. It's on a Saturday afternoon due to it being a long show. Tickets are on sale now.
- Thursday night and Friday night there is math night at Publix for grades K-2 and 3-5.
- Kids of Character being awarded at BCPA – Sebastian Gutierrez (Gr 8) is one of the 50 students from the entire District. Gina Asada, 4th grade teacher was selected as one of the 20 staff members. Only one of the Imagine schools being recognized for character award. Ceremony is May 7th
- BPA goes to Dallas for national competition from 5/9-5/13
- SACS pending report results. Scored 335 which is top 5% in the country. Some things are to be added to the handbook
- Elementary SGA book sale is tomorrow, April 18th
- K and Gr 1 parent-child dance on April 27th. This is new, first annual such event


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- Middle School Fun Day May 23 – PTP is putting one together for middle school. need to have enough buy in for middle school students. Need 150 kids or else will refund money. This fund raiser will assist in funding school security
- Looking to increase VPK spots by having two teachers from another grade team up to free up space for additional VPK class. Bringing tuition in line with what is in the market.
- Teacher evaluations withdrawn from the agenda

Board Attorney Report: Julie Klahr

- Reviewed SRO Agreement
 - Directing traffic at arrival and dismissal, setting of hours by the principal
 - Push back on up-front payment; flexibility of hours
 - Mayor already ok'd traffic coverage

Don Francey update:

- Mr. Edelman was very receptive during the call. He needed a couple of weeks to discuss on his end. Mr. Francey had not heard back from Mr. Edelman and reached back out to him on April 7th. Mr. Edelman still meeting with people on his end and will meet further with Mr. Francey this upcoming Saturday.

FORM 990

- For Elementary and Middle School. Middle 990 is the last one since it is no longer in existence since consolidation into the elementary school. Mr. Beck made the motion to authorize Don Francey to sign Form 990 for LEF and the Middle School. Ms. Prado-Stroze seconded the motion. All ayes.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Reviewed by the Board; maintenance expense to only increase
- RFP out for auditors out in the papers and online. Has received 3 submissions. Want to have a committee and have someone from the governing board on the committee. Must have audit committee to make recommendation to board
 - Ms. Prado-Stroze motioned to create an audit committee appointing Ms. Garcia, Ms. Forthmuller, and Ms. Gross. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. All ayes.

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON –

- Surveys for parents have gone out. There is a deadline for the return. One survey per family was sent home with the youngest student.
- Ms. Barnes has identified a grant finder and Ms. Vernon has spoken with her.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Mr. Paiz – previously hired to help with negotiations. From the last year to today, the interest rates have gone up. So for us, that means that the chance to purchase is decreasing. When interest is going up, rental payments go up as well. Not to the school's benefit to take a long time to complete any transaction. Interest rates will go up again by end of the year. Important to buy or renegotiate the lease as soon as possible.

BOARD INPUT

- Mr. Francey thanked Ms. Prado-Stroze for hosting the Town Hall meeting in the cafeteria at the school. Great job!
- Ms. Royal expressed concerns about PTP communications to parents. The tone needs to change, words matter. Borderline offensive, threatening.

BOARD ACTION

- Throughout the minutes.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Governing Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.