

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

**MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2018**



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Priscilla Prado-Stroze, Erika Royal Barnes, Jhanet Garcia, Pascale Royal, Scott Beck and Sylvia Allen. The following persons were also present: Julie Klahr (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director - Imagine Schools), Rod Sasse (Executive Vice President - Imagine Schools), Theresa Sumner (Assistant Principal), 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

Ms. Royal made the motion to accept the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Prado-Stroze seconded the motion. All ayes 6-0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Out of Field Teachers as reported by Ms. Sumner. List of teachers who need additional classes to obtain specific certifications; notably ESOL & Gifted endorsement.
 - Ms. Sumner continually tracks the teacher's progress.
 - 10 teachers are out of field to-date.
- Code Red drills - Original plan was to have the drills quarterly; however, per the District must have Code Red drills as often as other drills; therefore, Code Red drills occurring monthly through December as of now. Board members encouraged to address with their elected representatives.
- School Resource Officer - very friendly and good with the students. Per the terms of the Officer's contract with BSO he cannot direct traffic. A community service aide will be directing traffic in the mornings and afternoons and Ms. Klahr pointed out that the service must be provided per the terms of the contract and for Ms. Laham to let her know if anything changes.
- Traffic Control - New signage at Publix regarding no left turn. Trying to improve traffic control.

- PTP membership drive reported by Ms. Prado-Stroze- 74% of entire school has participated. The large percentage is attributed to the ease of online signup. Dress down day for those participating. Second grade had 100% participation.
- Peace Week - in solidarity for Peace...Friday will be wear a white shirt to school day. - Give Peace a Chance.
- Constitution and Founding Father's Observation will be next week.
- Safety Plan to be voted on at next meeting.
- Both soccer teams doing very well at 8-0. Girls looking to maintain their first place standing.

REGION DIRECTOR

- Reflecting on the work that went in to preparing for the workshop, publicly thanking Mr. Sasse Ms. Sumner, Ms Padilla, Ms. Loschiavo, Ms. Gross Ms. Laham and Ms. Forthmuller.
- School is at 100% enrollment

JULIE KLAHR

- The building report was discussed during the workshop. Mr. Edelman is available to meet with Ms. Klahr next week.
- Has spoken with the Mayor about potential contraction issues. She will be speaking with the City Manager.

PUBLIC INPUT

- None

BOARD INPUT

- Mr. Beck made the following observations:
 - Appreciated the ground rules and staying focused; being able to give input to the agenda. Most engaged Board meeting since began on the board a year ago.

BOARD ACTION

- Mr. Beck suggested there be a Middle School workshop meeting - an Advertisement/Marketing plan is needed; Student and teacher recruitment and retention is needed. Would like to see an advertising/marketing plan as a running item on monthly agenda. Include Parent Testimonials in implementation of plan
- Coffee with the Parents/focus group type discussion
- Facilities - what number will allow us to build up \$1 million in reserves in five years. Where do we need to be in order to get there?
- Ms. Allen noted that reserves should include for safety/security, teacher retention and building maintenance.
- Mr. Beck is going to make a list of capital improvements.
- Ms. Vernon to confirm that the temple property was sold and converted to self storage.
- Mr. Beck proposed each board member Fill out the four pros and cons proposed by Imagine Schools
- Ms. Barnes suggested selling the affordability of working at the school to potential and current teachers.
- Thank you to Ms. Klahr for the pizza for dinner this evening.

BOARD ACTION

- Ms. Royal made the motion to acknowledge the 10 teachers out of field and approve and authorize the them to continue teaching as they continue to work on their verifications. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. All ayes 6-0.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - September 25, 2018

- Audit Report
- Safety Plan

Meeting adjourned 7:27p.m.