

**Imagine-Broward County, Inc**  
**Imagine School at Broward**  
**February 29, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Imagine - Broward

Ananda Rampat (Board Chair member)

Leslie Adams (Board Member)

Michael Goldberg (Board Member)

LuAnn Comes (Board Member)

**Welcome**

- Mr. Rampat called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call of board members indicated a quorum was present. He welcomed the Board and public to the meeting. He called attention to the need to change the order of the agenda so Mr. Whitley could present the Income Tax information prior to other reports.

**Public Notice**

- Mrs. Tracy indicated that the meeting was publicly noticed by website, parent newsletter and flyers posted around the school.

**Appointment of Secretary**

- It was noted that the board was in need of a secretary to take minutes of the meetings. Leslie Adams made a motion to nominate LuAnn Comes, who agreed to the nomination. The motion was seconded by Michael Goldberg. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Reading of Minutes**

- Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the minutes on Budget Update should reflect that Elsa was also out on sick-leave for the last meeting. There was a motion by Michael Goldberg and seconded by Leslie Adams to accept the minutes with the one change. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Income Tax Update**

- Mr. Whitley presented the school's tax return 990 form, which is an information return, to the Board. It was noted that all Board members received a copy of the return prior to the meeting. The return is for the year ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Goldberg questioned the spike in the Section A Public Fund. Mr. Whitley explained this was the biggest change and was due to the combination of assets of the two schools. The board did not have any further questions. The Board approved the return and it was signed and returned as required.

## **Principal's Report**

- Summary of Principal's Report (See Attached).
- In response to a question about the bobcat, Mrs. Tracy replied that the traps set by the trapper were not successful. A directive was made to teachers on how to handle the situation and children are to stay away from the wooded area. Until it is certain that the bobcat has moved on, precautions will remain in place.

## **Regional Director Update**

- Ms. Vernon reminded parents, that testing season has begun and the importance of all students to be in attendance.
- Planning has begun for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Ms. Vernon and Mrs. Tracy were in attendance at the recent Charter School Summit in Orlando. The current focus is on developing literacy and use of the Marzano High Yield strategies.
- Next year's SAC plan will incorporate character education and technology.
- IT is seeking the e-rate funds. The school has input. The funds are for technology infrastructure. If Phase 2 is applied for, there will be a school cost of approximately \$1,000-\$1,200.

## **Budget Update**

- January budget was presented.
- The school is on track financially.
- The school is awaiting the second semester FTE funds, which will probably arrive around April.
- The operating cost to Imagine schools is 12%. The cost for other schools to their providers was discussed for comparison sake.

## **Roofing**

- A motion was made to accept the bid for roof repair from BEST Roofing from LuAnn Comes with a second by Michael Greenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Public Input**

- Speaker Dan Tarquinio
- Concern - The rent for the lease is inflated. The 12% is paid to Imagine for operating, but then an additional 20% is also paid for a lease guarantor. He believes this is the reason for a "tight" budget. He wants money to be found to find and retain good teachers.
- Speaker Nikki Tarquinio-PTO President
- The school is still waiting for the landlord to return the permit so the sound system can be completed.

Speaker Ms. Ellin

- What is the progress for the discipline policy?
- What are the qualifications for the Behavior Specialist?
- Why aren't substitute teachers also being utilized?

Speaker Brooke Davidson

- Why were the rent and management fees not renegotiated since 2008-2009 when the teachers took the 5% decrease in salary?

### **Board Input**

Ananda Rampat

- After having a discussion with Mrs. Tracy, he felt assured that she would be maintaining the academia level of the school. He thanked the PTO for their hard work on Family Night. He noted he had been very successful in speaking with Mrs. Tracy.

Leslie Adams

- After having a meeting with Mrs. Tracy, she had confidence Mrs. Tracy was working with the staff and parents to ensure a good learning environment. She reminded everyone of the MS Walk on March 12.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Greenburg and seconded by LuAnn Comes. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

### **Upcoming meetings for 2015 - 2016 School Year:**

May 9, 2016

