

**Minutes**  
**Imagine-Broward County, Inc**  
**Imagine School at Broward**  
**January 24, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Imagine - Broward**

Ananda Rampat (Board Chair Member) - in attendance  
Michael Goldberg (Board Member) - in attendance  
LuAnn Comes (Board Member) - in attendance

**Welcome**

- Mr. Rampat called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with a quorum present. Mr. Rampat welcomed the Board and public to the meeting.

**Public Notice**

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

**Reading of Minutes**

- Minutes of the regularly scheduled November 16 and the special December 6 meetings were reviewed. A motion to accept both sets of minutes as written was made by Michael Goldberg with a second by LuAnn Comes. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Principal's Report**

- The teacher of the year was Ms. Yunker. She is a 7th Grade Math teacher and also the soccer and cheerleading coach.
- The planning process for next year has begun. Re-enrollment forms will be distributed beginning February 1 and the process closes at the end of March.
- Family events coming up include the Sweetheart Dance on February 10th for the 3rd and 4th grade students and the February 17 Middle School Dance in the evening. A Family Night is planned for February 24. The school is looking for multiple ways to reach out to families.
- The BSA is currently being completed. However, we are in the midst of testing season.
- February 2 is Bring Your Child to Work Day, but testing is occurring. Mrs. Tracy is looking into discussing some changes with the planning committee, but no other information is available at this time.

**Class Size Reduction**

- This year the school met the enrollment target, but not state class size requirements.
- Mrs. Tracy will need to submit a plan to the state as to how the school will meet compliance in the future.

- In the past an average of classes on a grade level could be taken to meet class size compliance, but that has changed to each individual class. The class size targets are 18:1 in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade and 22:1 in 4th through 8th Grades.
- This year the school was out of compliance for 42 periods, but not all in one grade level.

### **A+ Funds**

- In the 2015-2016 school year the school earned an "A" so was awarded A+ funds. The funds were appropriated as approximately \$100 per student or \$87,000.
- As according to statute, the staff voted by ballot for the distribution plan. A sample ballot is an attachment.
- At this time the funds have not been received by the school .

### **Budget 2016-2017**

- There are no changes in the budget at this time.
- The state has not sent out any amendments yet.

### **Governing Board Vacancy Decision**

- Brian A. Schlang has been selected to serve on the Governing Board. He will begin the training process.

### **Regional Director Report**

- Ms. Vernon said she hoped everyone had a nice holiday break. She also remarked how nice it was to see the students involved in their activities, the teachers seeming happy, the great things happening in the school and the feeling of warmth when entering the school.
- The office is getting calls on wanting to attend Imagine Broward and the process involved for acceptance.
- All Imagine principals will be attending a summit in February.
- Students take the BSA, STAR, FAIR, and all state testing. Testing does provide some specific data about student progress. The school must participate in the testing because it follows the Broward County Reading Plan which uses the tests. A reading plan is mandated by state statute.

### **Public Input**

- Mrs. Nicole Tenebaum stated that she was aware that Coral Springs had reviewed the AED and it had passed. She questioned if there was sufficient staff trained and where the school stood with training. Ms. Vernon stated she had tried to get training from the fire department for teachers, was just trying to coordinate the best day and time, and will be following up on it. Mrs. Tracy said there are two staff members trained in the use of the AED and six staff members are CPR trained. A list of trained staff was presented.
- Mrs. Taraquinio asked if there was an active search for a new PE coach. Mrs. Tracy responded yes, but had not found a qualified candidate as of yet.
- Mr. Taraquinio asked if there were financial penalties for not meeting class size. Mrs. Tracy replied there would be a financial penalty. He stated he continues to be concerned with insufficient salary for teachers. He asked the Board to pursue asking Imagine for the defense of the payment of 12%.

**Board Input**

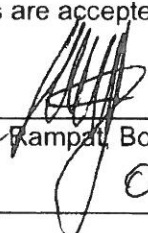
- Michael Goldberg asked about the workshop follow-up. He also asked if a request for additional Governing Board members could be put out. In reference to the class size compliance, he stated he was aware of other schools with similar concerns.
- LuAnn Comes stated she was glad there was quick follow through on the AED. She said she was glad to hear of the student / family activities and was aware students were in the midst of testing season.
- Ananda Rampat stated he was sure the school would try to do the right thing on class size compliance. He stated the comment from Mr. Taraquinio was interesting and asked if there was an accounting. Ms. Vernon responded that very few schools pay less than the 12% and she would check into it. He also thanked the members of the public for their participation.

**Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Goldberg and seconded by LuAnn Comes. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
LuAnn Comes

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:

  
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Ananda Rampat, Board Chair Member

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Date

**Upcoming meetings for 2016 - 2017 School Year:**

April 5, 2017  
June 13, 2017