



Minutes

Governing Board Meeting
Imagine at Broward, Inc
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Imagine Middle School at Broward
March 20, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Imagine – Broward LLC

Rena-Rae Kaufman (Board Chair member)
Linda Silver (Board Member)
Ilene Garland (Board Member)
Dan Tarquinio (Board Member)
Leslie Adams (Board Member)

Non-Board Members

Jacquelyn Vernon, Regional Director
Elsa Forthmuller, Regional Finance Director
Linda Arnold, Principal
April Leonard, Business Manager
Brooke Davidson-London, Teacher

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Ms. Kaufman.

Public Notice

Ms. Arnold stated that the meeting had been publicly noticed through a parent email to all parents and posted on the doors. It was also posted on the schools website.

Minutes

Board motioned to accept the minutes from January 22, 2014.

Principal's Report

Enrollment steady at 200 which is over our budgeted amount.

The 8th graders are in the process of matriculating to high schools and magnet programs. Ms. Schiling has done a great job getting this information together. Ms. Adams asked what schools will most attend. Ms. Arnold mentioned all the surrounding schools as well as FAU, Cambridge and Coral Springs Charter.

The lottery list has 73 new students wanting to enter 6th grade. We are adding another 6th grade class so there will be 4 teachers in the middle school and more flexibility to move students around.

We are opening an additional section in 6th grade to accommodate our siblings and staff students who would like to attend our 6th grade. We will have spots for 88 incoming 6th graders. We have sent home pre registration packets to 90 of our own students who want to return for the next school year.

Assemblies were held for Kids of Character and Honor Roll.

This track season went well. We usually do better in this sport because it is an individual sport.

The results of our Imagine Family Surveys were very positive. We have 88% of our parents say they would recommend our school to their friends and family which was very positive. These surveys included K-8.

FCAT Camps are being held three mornings a week for the different subjects that will be tested.

Last year the math students did both End of Course(EOC) Exam and FCAT, but this year they will only take the EOC'.

Benchmark Assessment Test (a predictor of the success on FCAT) Primary reading and math mid-year Assessments Results:

Geometry -92% predicted to be proficient - 1 class
Algebra - 83% predicted to be proficient – 2 classes (7th and 8th)
General Math - 62% predicted to be proficient

Reading - 74 % predicted to be proficient
Science - 28 % predicted to be proficient

Mr. Tarquino asked why give them the test if the students don't put much thought into it. Ms. Arnold said it is a test that is required. The 8th grade is the only grade to take science. The 8th grade last year did not do well on science test but did well overall.

National Geography Bee Competition - Shaun Chouinard, 7th grader, qualified as one of the Top 100 students in Florida. He is going to Jacksonville on April 4 to take the exam. This exam will determine who will be the overall winner for the State of Florida.

The students who are interested in competing in the National Math Counts competition have been attending the afterschool math club. The students did compete and they had fun and learned a lot. The National Math Counts sends scores of only the top 5. We did not place.

Character Essay Contest Winners were sent to Imagine Corporate in Arlington, Virginia.

Field Day was held today for the entire school. The middle school students had a great time. Coach Yesner did a very good job of organizing the day.

The Science Fair will be held on April 3 for all 4th thru 8th graders

PTO's Family Night was a great success.

A+ PLAN

The approved plan is still in place to distribute 75% to teachers and 25% for support staff. We will be receiving the funds (\$19,789) this month and it will be paid to teachers and staff.

BUDGETS 2013-2014

The budget is extremely tight but this is due to only receiving FTE funds for only 200 students. Combining the schools will help the middle school tremendously.

Ms. Arnold stated she would like to hire an Assistant Principal for the 2014-2015 school year. The AP will assist Ms. Arnold with her daily duties.

HIGH PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOL – combining into 1 school

Ms. Vernon distributed information regarding information from Melissa Arnold our attorney with regards to combining the two schools into one school. The District agreed with this proposal and we will send a draft amendment to them next week. The merging into one school will go into effect July 1, 2014. Ms. Vernon read her email from our attorney to the board. Ms. Vernon mentioned she will be obtaining advice as how we can combine the budgets, Capital Outlay and FTE. Ms. Vernon would like to send Melissa Arnold any questions from the board. Ms. Vernon asked for the board to get all their questions prepared before we get approval. Ms. Kaufman asked if we think it will be done by July 1. Ms. Vernon said she is hopeful that Ms. Perry will get it on the board agenda in May. Ms. Kaufman asked should the audit team be involved for financial purposes for this combination. Combining the school will reduce the number of reports and will only take 2.5% for administrative fees. We will need to have an emergency board meeting to get it approved so it can move forward to the School Board of Broward County. The board needs to see the amendment language for this information.

Brooke Davidson-London asked about having 6th grade to be separate. Ms. Arnold said teaming is the best approach rather, than having them self contained. Ms. Arnold said it is better to combine all students for overall purpose. Ms. Arnold stated other surrounding schools were doing the separate for financial reasons. Ms. Kaufman spoke about a self contained 6th grade but combining is better. Ms. Silver said there is a lot more flexibility when you do teaming.

Regional Input

Ms. Vernon spoke about the Principal's retreat and gave praise to Ms. Arnold and Ms. Laham on their presentation. Their presentation was on school culture, which is making the school a welcoming place, what is an adolescent and an overview of middle school. Ms. Arnold spoke about exit slips and information regarding Marzano teaching. Ms. Arnold modeled what she would like to see from the teachers. Mr. Steve Black, the Principal at Imagine North Port spoke about the organizations and the "what ifs" regarding middle school. Ms. Mary Lord, Curriculum Coordinator spoke about the effective strategies. Ms. Erin Kelly, Principal at North Lauderdale and her Curriculum Coach did a presentation on "Rigor". Judy Muth, Group Academic Director and Susan Onori, Principal at Imagine Chancellor did a presentation on student engagement. Ms. Silver stated that middle school student tends to get lost and a presentation to the middle school teachers on "Rigor" would be beneficial. Ms. Arnold stated they are looking into having a symposium to present all the information from the Principal's retreat to all the South Florida Region middle school teachers. Ms. Forthmuller did a presentation on finance and Ms. Donna Lehn did presentation on HR.

Ms. Vernon passed out copies of "Inspires" by Karen Gayle, "Noteworthy" by Rhonda Cagle and "Insights" by Judy Muth to the board for their information.

Public Input

None

Board Input

Ms. Kaufman commended on how well the schools are doing. Ms. Adams stated she had done a year in the place program and seven years in another charter school and she is very impressed and the field day was very organized and done very well. Ms. Kaufman stated that Ms. Garland and she will be leaving on June 30, 2014 due to their term ending. Ms. Kaufman asked if the leaving board members interview the new candidates. Ms. Vernon said she is not sure but will check the bi laws and rules and let them know. Ms. Kaufman said the mix of community members and parents that are currently on the board is a great.

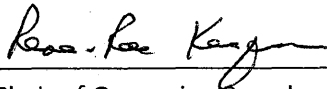
Adjourned

Motion and moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

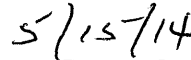
Upcoming Meetings

May 15, 2014 @5:30 p.m.

June 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.



Signature, Chair of Governing Board



Date