



Minutes

Governing Board Meeting
Imagine at Broward, Inc
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Imagine Middle School at Broward
June 19, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Imagine – Broward

Rena-Rae Kaufman (Board Chair member)
Ilene Garland (Board Member)
Leslie Adams (Board Member)
Dan Tarquinio (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
Nancy Vabre-Clewner, Teacher
Ananda Rampat, Parent

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Ms. Rena-Rae Kaufman, Board Chair.

Public Notice

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

Minutes

Board motioned to approve May 15, 2014 corrected minutes.

Principal's Report

All Algebra students (except for 1) successfully passed the EOC.

All Geometry students passed the EOC. These students will be going to high school with high school credits.

Civics students scored very well. The scores of the students were 83% passed (55 students), 17% did not pass (5 students). This was our first year we took this exam. The 5 will have to retake test in order to get into high school.

Overall unofficial math scores (does not include Algebra and Geometry students) were higher than last year. We moved closer to our AMO of 75% in 6th Grade. The 6th grade had 14 Level 1's and 2's and 62% made a learning gain for math.

We had 70% of 6th Grade above a Level 3 in reading. We had 21 students who were a Level 1 and 2 and 38% of those students made learning gains. We also had 21 students who went up from Level 2 to Level 3.

We had 70% of 7th Grade were above a Level 3 in reading.

We had 78% of 8th Grade were above a Level 3 in reading, and 15 students were a Level 1 or 2. We had 47% show learning gains. We also had 51% of all students achieve a Level 3, 4, or 5.

Awards Assembly was held for all 8th graders. The students are going to various Magnet and Charter Schools, and also some were accepted into Cambridge University as well as the FAU School. Some parents would like to see a high school Imagine school.

The Drama class put on "Annie, Jr." It was great. They had two shows. The first show all the understudies played the parts. There were a lot of parents who helped out.

The 8th Grade Dance and Field Trip to Disney were successful. We combined 4-5th and 8th graders on the Disney trip to be economically sustainable. The 7th Grade went on an Everglades Safari.

Teachers worked on many curriculum activities for next year! We have a \$5000 Apple gift card that will allow us to purchase online apps.

We will be adding on one teacher in the middle school for next year. There will be 88 6th graders. We have hired a teacher to teach 6th math and science.

Imagine State Science Fair. We did great at the State Science Fair and 14 students attended.

1st Place Winners – Jacqueline Rao, 2nd Place Winners – Jade Bounassi, , Amorie Barton, and Preston Darling, and Honorable Mentions – Daniel Lass, Sajeev Sarkar, Bryan Ponton, Daniela Fernandez, and Dalton Darling.

There were 13 students who successfully completed the Advanced Reading Challenge.

EMONITORING

The E-monitoring visit went well. Our website was very nice and up to date on information. They checked all the classrooms to make sure they had proper exits. They also reviewed lesson plans with ESOL and ESE accommodations. Ms. Kaufman asked how often they come out to monitor the school. Ms. Arnold said once a year.

BUDGET 2013-2014

This budget is tighter but still in the black. We still have our contingency and maintenance reserve.

2% STIPEND

There is \$21,000 in contingency. This will cover the 5% for the teacher's which is only \$16,000.

Board motioned to approve the 2% stipend.

APPROVAL OF WELLNESS POLICY FOR NSLP

The policy is the same as last year. The only change is the name of the school which is now going to be Imagine School at Broward. Rebecca Chouinard is working with the state to make the merge for paper work.

Board motioned to approve the Wellness policy.

POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBER

Ananda Rampat spoke about his history at the school. He works at Northwest Medical Center. Ms. Vernon explained the process of becoming a board member and it is a 3 year term. A Community member also sent in a resume, but had an unfortunate circumstance that did not allow her to attend but will hopefully be at the next meeting.

Board approved Mr. Rampat to become a board member.

BUDGET 2014-2015 Preliminary Combined Budget

The board approved the tentative budget at the last meeting. It is a combined budget and has the funding for teacher allocation fund (TAF) that the governor is giving. The teacher's contract for the new school year has the TAF money in their total salary. Mr. Tarquinio asked if the revenue from the governor's money is included in the budget. Ms. Vernon explained that it is included and how the revenue is being given to the school from the governor. Currently the TAF and the FTE money is included on the same line, but we are looking to see if they will separate these items on the payment so the 2% will only be taken from the FTE. Karl Huber is working with landlord and trying to explain how the governor's money is working. Mr. Tarquinio asked why the \$151,000 was separated on last year's budget. Ms. Forthmuller explained that the TAF was on a separate line. Ms. Vernon spoke about how the Broward School Board wants to do a bond issue. They agreed the charter school could get some of this money. Ms. Vernon explained they would include us in the technology portion of this bond issue. The Consortium of Charter School wants to get \$200 per student. We don't get local milage. We always add 3% onto the major expenses just as a cushion. The budget has an Assistant Principal (AP) but does not include a guidance counselor. Ms. Arnold explained that she is going to relook at the budget to try and hire another guidance counselor. Ms. Arnold spoke about the potential AP and his resume and will hopefully know more about his decision soon. Mr. Tarquinio asked why the revenue went up. Ms. Forthmuller said it's based on the FTE counts. Mr. Tarquinio asked if there are any raises for the teachers. Ms. Arnold said not this year. Ms. Vernon said that salaries will be based on pay for performance next year. We are waiting to see the interpretation. Mr. Tarquinio asked how to do we compare to other schools for teacher's salaries. Ms. Arnold said we are a little under but she said she tries to give extra money when she can. Mr. Tarquinio asked why the 2% or 3% amount cannot be included in the teacher's salary. Ms. Arnold said we need to keep money in the maintenance reserve and contingency. Ms. Vernon said we need to reserve this money for any unforeseen expenses. Ms. Kaufman asked if the salaries are the same for most Imagine Schools. Ms. Vernon explained that it varies based of the budget of the school. Ms. Arnold explained about the history of past decisions from the teachers to either get an extra \$1000 or to have specials and the teachers opted to have specials and receive a 45 minute planning period. Ms. Vernon spoke about looking into doing a corporate fundraiser for all Imagine Schools. Ms. Kaufman asked could the fundraiser be used towards salaries. Ms. Vernon explained how the funds could be used. Mr. Tarquinio asked what the big ticket items are that the school needs and explain to parents to pin point what the fundraiser will be used for and the parents could donate towards a goal to purchase the big ticket items. Ms. Arnold spoke about the technology we currently have now. We would like to have a covered PE shade and soft turf for the PE area. Ms. Vernon will look into a fundraiser consultant and try to get a task force to work on the fundraiser.

VENDOR CONTRACTS FOR 2014-2015

Daidone Food Services
O'Dara Cleaning Services
Building Air Services (formerly Commercial HVAC)
In Unison

Board motioned to approved Daidone, O'Dara, Building Air Services and In Unison contracts for 2014-2015.

HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL STATUS

High Performing School Status was approved at the School Board's May 6, 2014 meeting. We are working on all of the items we need to complete. Ms. Vernon spoke about the MSID consolidation number.

Regional Input

Ms. Vernon does the evaluation of the principal. If the board would like to see her evaluation you are welcome to view it once it is completed. She stated she has never brought this evaluation to the Governing Board before but if they want to see it they are welcome to review it. The Governing Board said that they would rather keep it private. Ms. Vernon wanted to know if any of the Governing Board has any input. They all agreed she is doing a great job and it shows.

Public Input

Ms. Davidson asked about the cleaning services and what they listed that will be done in the classrooms. If they don't perform the cleaning duties listed what happens? Ms. Arnold said it needs to be brought to her attention so she can address the issue with the cleaning company. Ms. Davidson also asked instead of doing a December waxing would it be better to have tennis balls on the chairs to save on doing this waxing. She wanted to know if this was possible because it is hard to put the classroom back together that Monday when the students and teachers return to school.

Board Input

Ms. Adams said her students went up 2 points on their FCAT scores and she is very happy with the school. Mr. Tarquinio asked can we do anything to have less testing in the 4th quarter. Ms. Arnold said it isn't possible because that is dictated by the School Board. Ms. Vernon said Imagine has to do SAT testing to see the students learning gains and how well the students are doing and the school is graded on this. The new tests are about 30 minutes less because it is computer based. Everything is moving to computer based testing. The district is changing some of their tests such as the BAT so the students are tested only on the skills the students have learned instead of what they will be learning.

Adjourned

Board motioned and moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

August 14, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.



Signature, Chair of the Governing Board

Date

8/14/14