



Minutes

Governing Board Meeting
Imagine – Broward County, Inc.
D/B/A
Imagine Middle School at Broward
November 7, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Imagine – Broward LLC

Rena-Rae Kaufman (Board Chair member)
Ilene Garland (Board member)
Leslie Adams (Board member)

Non-Board Members

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

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM 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 website.

Minutes

Board motioned to accept the corrected minutes from September 7, 2013.

Principal's Report

Nancy Vabre-Clewner, a 6th grade teacher, has arranged for a Cyber Bullying presentation to be presented on November 8 and another presentation called Project Century and Gun Violence on November 12. These are put together by the State Attorney.

The soccer team has new uniforms. This year soccer is being coached by a parent. They had a great season winning many more games.

A Parent night was held by the teachers to provide information pertaining to math and science fair.

Enrollment is steady at 198 students. Many learning gains were achieved especially in math. One-third of the student body passed end of course exams for algebra and geometry.

The Governing Board was issued a copy of the final audit report from Berman Hopkins.

ANNUAL MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES (AMO's)

The State's Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO's) for 2012/2013 was met. AMO is the new verbiage. It used to be called Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).

Imagine Charter at Broward met the following Annual Measureable Objectives (AMO's) Targets 2012-2013.

All students below met the Reading targets:

All students, Hispanic, White, English Language, and Economically Disadvantaged students

All students below met the Math targets:

Asian, Black/African American, and Economically Disadvantaged students

We did not meet AMO's with the following groups:

Reading: Black/African American students

Math: All students, White, Hispanic students, and students with Disabilities

The AMO's for Math were not all met however, many learning gains were accomplished. Math is a major focus for the 2013-2014 year.

HIGH PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOL

Imagine Middle School at Broward met the criteria to be a High Performing Charter School. Ms. Vernon explained what we have to do since we are High Performing Charter School. There are advantages of being designated as a High Performing Charter School. For example, administrative fees will be reduced. Instead of paying 5% on the first 250 students we will only pay 2%. In addition, we will only have to send quarterly financial reports instead of monthly reports. The governing board will need to approve and sign the request that will be submitted to the School Board for our charter amendment to be extended.

Board motioned and approved to apply for extension.

PLAN FOR RAISES FROM GOVERNOR

Ms. Forthmuller explained how Mr. Gayle and Mr. Mrakovich calculated the raise. She explained that FICA has to be considered when calculating the raise to the teacher. Each teacher would get 85% rather than 100% due to taxes and FICA being taken out. Ms. Davidson-London asked for clarification about how the salary increase would be issued. Ms. Forthmuller stated that the first payment would be a retro payment from August through December. The total remaining amount would be divided and disbursed over the remaining pay periods. Ms. Arnold stated that we would like to issue the retro payment in December.

Board motioned and approved the Governor's raise to teachers.

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE PLAN (SEP)

Ms. Arnold explained the School of Excellence Plan (SEP) is the same for the elementary and middle school. Imagine recognizes us as one school even though there is an elementary and middle. The SEP plan is to include our SAT data (Imagine 1.05 growth) and set goals for SAT and FCAT and our 6 measurements. The FCAT school data is based on the amount of proficiency on the state AMO and we use that as our target. Each year we expect to see growth. We would like to see an increase in math and writing. Teachers are working very diligently with the students to raise scores. We have organized for data chats to occur with the teachers. There is a definite correlation for 6th thru 8th grade students that take FCAT. The 6th thru 8th grade SAT scores drop. Ms. Vernon stated there is a high correlation between student FCAT and SAT. If they did well on FCAT, they did well on SAT.

Board motioned and approved the School of Excellence Plan.

COMMUNITY AND PARENTS

Ms. Arnold explained that the school as a whole is trying to do a lot more with the community and parents. She mentioned that car chats will allow parents to have an interactive conversation with student(s) on the way home. Ms. Adams stated that conversation is great idea for parents and students to engage in, especially regarding school related issues.

Public Input

None

Board Input

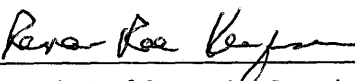
Ms. Kaufman welcomed Leslie Adams to the board. Ms. Kaufman inquired as to how long a Governing Board member terms were as well as when they each should be taking the necessary classes. Ms. Vernon would contact the Regional HR Admin, Ms. Lehn to verify the terms as well as classes and will obtain what the break down is in bylaws.

Adjourned

Motion and moved to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 16, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
- March 20, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
- May 15, 2014 @ 5:30 PM
- June 19, 2014 @ 5:30 PM



Signature, Chair of Governing Board

Date: 2/14/14