

Minutes
Imagine at Broward, Inc.
Imagine School at Broward
Governing Board Meeting
October 29, 2020
5:30 PM
Via Zoom Meeting – Communications Media Technology (“CMT”)
FINAL

Imagine School at Broward

Brian Schlang (Board Member – Chairperson) – in attendance/via the phone
Christopher Buckley (CO-Secretary/Board Member) – in attendance
John Gerun (CO-Secretary/Board Member) – (Acting Chair) in attendance
Esme Maldonado (Board Member) – in attendance
Debra Darling (Principal) – in attendance
Misha Fletcher (Assistant Principal) – in attendance
Susan Onori (Regional Director) – in attendance
Elsa Forthmuller (Regional Finance Director) – in attendance
April Leonard (Business Manager) – in attendance
Chris Perez (IT Tech) – in attendance
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) –in attendance
Roni Prager –Imagine Staff- Minutes Recorder- in attendance

Welcome

Mr. Gerun called the meeting to order at 5:30pm with all the Governing Board Members in attendance. Mr. Gerun welcomed the Board and the public to the meeting.

Public Notice

Ms. Darling indicated that the meeting notice was publicized on the website, parent newsletter (via email) and flyers posted on the main entry door to the school per the official school policy.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gerun advised of some corrections to be made on the September 24, 2020 minutes. Mrs. Leonard advised that she will make the corrections.

Mr. Gerun asked if the other Board members had any corrections or questions for the September 24, 2020 minutes. Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Maldonado were in agreement with the corrections to the minutes. The minutes were reviewed in-depth and corrections were made at the meeting.

Principals Report

Ms. Darling spoke about the following from her principal’s report:

Enrollment

Our budgeted enrollment was 846 and our current enrollment is 862 students. Imagine Broward welcomed students back to the campus on Friday, October 9. The school currently has 35% in person students.

Finances

We are able to be apply for reimbursement of purchases from the CARES Act money. We will be submitting the Hardening Grant detailed budget on Monday. Mrs. Forthmuller advised the Hardening Grant came in and we received \$14,831.00.

The school began offering before and after care on the October 20th and we are advertising for the vacant VPK full time spaces available. Our current fundraisers have consisted of face mask lanyards, personalized engraved water bottles and we held our first Spirit Week of the year.

On Monday, November 2nd we will have our Annual Investor Call relating to the bond.

Academics

This week we are conducting our second round of STAR testing for both Math and Reading. On November 3, it will be a Teacher Planning Day. Teachers will be receiving Professional Development on i-Ready as well as certified for CPR/AED. This week we will also be conducting data chats with each teacher. Today our VPK and K participated in the National *Read for the Record*.

Technology

The 250 Chromebooks that were ordered in September are still back-ordered. The representative from Best Buy is hopeful that we will receive them in early 2021. We have considered reaching out to other vendors for their availability of the same laptop however, Chris Perez stated Lenovo's are on delay nationwide.

Health and Safety

We have added a third Day Porter that is specifically designated as a COVID cleaner. This additional porter has been following a specific cleaning schedule since students have returned to the campus. We will apply to FEMA for up to 75% reimbursement for this position.

Our morning car line has four designated zones and within each zone temperature checks are performed prior to the student exiting the vehicle. This year, for dismissal procedures, we are utilizing Pikmykid.

We have implemented face masks be wore at all times by all staff and students. We currently have students remaining with their classmate cohorts throughout the entire day. Special teachers are rotating through classrooms with the exception of PE which is held outside, weather permitting. We are designing FunFit Zones outside so students can remain with their cohorts.

Currently, lunch is being served in the cafeteria and students have assigned seats that are six feet apart. In the lower grade classrooms (that have tables only) are provided with desk shields to maintain social distancing.

We have shown appreciation to our teachers by showing them lots of love with notes on their cars, as well as gifts placed in their rooms.

Budget

Mrs. Forthmuller spoke about the budget with actuals thru September. Mr. Gerun asked if the FTE is showing higher than projected. Mrs. Forthmuller advised there are revenue variances this year in VPK, before and after care and food services due to COVID. Ms. Darling advised the original budget reflected FTE for 846 students.

Mrs. Maldonado inquired about how many students were enrolled in the VPK program. Ms. Darling stated we are following the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) requirements and we currently have 9 students in each of the classes. They consist of a morning and afternoon part time class as well as full time class. The ELC is considering an increase of student enrollment in VPK for full time students.

Mr. Schlang stated he reviewed the budget and all revenues and expenses seem to line up; even with all the changes and everything that is going on due to COVID.

Mr. Gerun asked if anyone had questions or comments. There were none.

Teacher Evaluation System

Mrs. Onori stated the school is moving from using Marzano to The Florida Consortium Evaluation System. The new system has been approved by the State of Florida.

Mrs. Onori gave the highlights of the new Florida Consortium System. She stated it is more user -friendly than Marzano.

Ms. Darling mentioned that the teachers submitted their growth plans and they found it very user- friendly.

Public Input

Ms. Darling advised no emails were received.

Board Input

Mrs. Maldonado asked what the Hardening Grant funds will be allocated for and Ms. Darling advised the funds were used for tree trimming and barricades.

Mrs. Maldonado stated that her son has really loved being back at school.

Mr. Buckley stated that his kids are very happy to be back to school. He was impressed with the safety procedures that have been put in place. Mr. Buckley stated he would like to see the remaining vacant VPK spaces being filled.

Mr. Schlang thanked Mr. Gerun for running the meeting tonight while he was traveling.

Mr. Gerun stated that his kids are very happy to be back to school. He also was impressed with the safety procedures that have been put in place. Mr. Gerun stated the use of Pikmykid for dismissal has made car line much smoother than previous years.

Board Vote

Mr. Buckley motioned to approve the September 25, 2020 minutes with corrections. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all other Board Members are in favor.

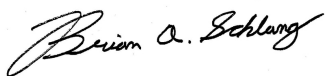
Mrs. Maldonado motioned to approve the Florida Teacher Consortium System. Mr. Buckley seconds and all other Board Members are in favor.

Ms. Onori thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Gerun adjourns the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Roni Prager

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:



Board Chair Member

11/30/2020

Date

List of Upcoming Meetings

11/19/2020
1/21/2021
3/11/2021
5/20/2021
6/21/2021