

**Minutes  
Imagine at Broward, Inc.  
Imagine School at Broward  
Governing Board Meeting  
June 21, 2021**

**5:30**

**PM**

**Via Zoom Meeting – Communications Media Technology (“CMT”)**

**Final**

**Imagine School at Broward**

Brian Schlang (Board Member – Chairperson) – in attendance  
Christopher Buckley (CO-Secretary/Board Member) – in attendance  
John Gerun (CO-Secretary/Board Member) - in attendance  
Esme Maldonado (Board Member) – in attendance  
Lori Rine (Board Member prospective) – in attendance  
Debra Darling (Principal) – in attendance  
Carrera Padilla- (Assistant Principal) -in attendance  
Rod Sasse- in Attendance  
Susan Onori (Regional Director) – in attendance  
Elsa Forthmuller (Regional Finance Director) – in attendance  
Shakira Taylor (Business Manager) – in attendance  
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) – in attendance  
Jose Saye – In attendance  
Chris Perez – (It Tech) – in attendance  
Roni Prager –Imagine Staff- Minutes Recorder- in attendance  
Carol Brown- (Board Member prospective) – in attendance  
Courtney DePersio- in attendance  
Shawn Arnold- Attorney- In attendance

**Welcome**

Mr. Schlang called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with all the Governing Board Members in attendance. Mr. Schlang 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** – June 21, 2021

Mr. Schlang asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for the June 21, 2021, minutes. They were reviewed and some minor changes were made. All Board Members agreed with the minutes.

### **Principals Report**

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

They had a successful pre-planning week with staff; they had faculty meetings, various trainings, and the Forum.

On Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, our school along with 10 other Imagine Schools, attended the Forum for training, collaboration, and award ceremonies. We are excited to share Imagine Broward won National Awards and have a high-ranking school grade for our Measures of Excellence.

Parent Choice – A

Economic Sustainability – A+

Shared Values – A

Imagine Broward also won first place for our video showcasing the school. We hope you got to view it on our parent update and website.

### **Academics**

FSA scores were released end of July. We are very proud of our scores; they reflect the commitment of our staff, students, and family. It also confirms that we offered rigorous effective online instruction.

We anticipated a drop in scores, but the drop was not as significant as expected. We are super proud that our 5th and 8th grade science scores went up as well as our Geometry EOC, 8th grade math, and 5th/8th ELA. Staff has a lot to celebrate.

### **Enrollment**

We are budgeted at 865 for enrollment and currently have 876 enrolled, and we are looking to add more to help with enrollment next year for our expansion.

Mr. Schlang inquired if there is any penalty for class sizes. Ms. Darling advised that there are measures in place to ensure there are no problems with the class sizes.

### **Finances**

For ESSER II funds, the tentative dollar amount was \$860,143.00. We have still not received the dollars.

### **Technology**

We are currently one to one on laptops and second to eighth grades have the new chrome books in the classroom. Kindergarten and first grade have the Lenovo window cart. We have two extra I-pad carts and another 2 carts with older computers that are available for students that may need to quarantine.

### **Health and Safety**

We are continuing with our Full time Covid cleaner that will be walking around cleaning and the students will be podded as they were last year. There will be seating charts for the entire day, separating of classes at lunch and Fun Fit. Hand sanitizing stations are throughout the school.

### **Upcoming Events**

School is starting on Wednesday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. We will start the school year with two fire drills, one code red drill and one tornado drill. Middle school science classes will be training on lab safety and all classrooms will train and discuss the Code of Conduct.

Our first big event will be our Grandparents Day on Friday September 10, which will be a virtual zoom event. We are also finalizing our dates for Open House and if they will be in person or virtual events.

### **Lori Rine- Prospective Board Member**

Mrs. Rine gave a brief overview of her background. The board members asked several questions to get more background on Mrs. Rine.

## **Gymnatorium**

Ms. Onori gave a brief update on the status of the Gymnatorium. Ms. Onori advised that there is currently nothing new for the board to approve at this time. The architects have put it out bid for a General Contractor, currently they have heard back from two that are interested. The architects are finalizing the drawing for the gymnatorium. Ms. Darling along with Mrs. Onori and Karl Huber will be on the selection committee, along with Manny and Jose to select the GC.

## **Finances/Budget**

Mrs. Forthmuller advised that all ESSER I Funds and Grant money has been received and the budget is now reflected the finalized numbers as well as our debt ratio has decreased 1.74. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification on a few line items. Mrs. Forthmuller was able to give that information.

Mr. Schlang inquired about the ESSER II Funds and more clarification on how the money is to be used. Mrs. Forthmuller advised that there is a breakdown on how the money is to be used and that we have until September 2023 to use those funds. Ms. Darling provided the amounts for the different areas to be used \$34,406 Non-enrollment Assistance, \$172,029.00 Academic Assistance, \$43,007 Technological Assistance the rest is the remainder.

## **Procedure and Notification of Involuntary Examinations**

Mrs. Onori explained what the procedure and notification of involuntary examinations of a student that needs to be removed from the school. Mrs. Maldonado asked what happens if we are not able to reach the parent if the child needs to be removed from the school. Mrs. Onori explained what those procedures are and what needs to be done.

## **Parent Student Handbook 2021-2022**

Ms. Darling went over the Parent Student Handbook and that only minimal changes were made; for example, staff members name and the address for InUnison Uniform Store. Also, the revised CDC COVID guidelines and Moment of Silence that have been added to the handbook.

## **Staff Handbook 2021-2022**

Ms. Darling advised that the Staff Handbook is the same as last year except with a couple new staff that has been hired.

## **Shawn Arnold- Attorney**

Mr. Arnold explained the policy aspects regarding the mask mandate. Mr. Schlang inquired about losing funding if we do a mask mandate. Mr. Arnold advised the U.S. Education has stated that they will step in if funding is pulled by the state. Mr. Schlang asked what the Governor is actually going to withhold. Mr. Arnold clarified that it would be the funding for the elected official that is withheld. Mr. Arnold went into more clarification on the law and what will be withheld.

Mrs. Maldonado asked can we say that we are following the guidelines in place by Broward County and will we be protected. Mr. Arnold stated that is difficult as there are two possible outcomes.

Mr. Gerun asked if Broward County moves to reverse mandate masks, do we have to schedule an emergency meeting to revisit this issue. Mr. Arnold gave some examples of what they could do.

Mr. Schlang asked Mr. Arnold if there were any other issues/questions that they haven't asked yet that would pertain to them. Mr. Arnold gave some examples of the questions that he has been approached about.

Mr. Schlang asked Ms. Darling if Broward County decides to not do the mask mandate, what does Imagine prefer. Ms. Darling advised anyone that has a health issue to wearing a mask has been referred to the ESE department. Mr. Arnold advised that you are less exposed if you opted to follow the Broward County and CDC Guidelines.

Mr. Sasse gave a clarification of the guidelines of the mask mandate.

## **Business Account Signature Card**

Mrs. Taylor advised that this is to update the signature card with the new Assistant Principal Mrs. Padilla and Academic Coach Mrs. Dura. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification on why the need for the additional signatures. Mrs. Taylor provided that information.

## **Mental Health Plan 2021-22**

Ms. Darling has advised that it has been submitted.

## **Public Input**

Mr. Schlang asked for public input, there was none.

## **Board Input**

Mr. Schlang asked for board input. Mrs. Maldonado asked about the Character Trait Program this year. Ms. Darling advised that we have switched over to the Positivity Project. Mrs. Maldonado thanked everyone for everything they do at the school and welcomes Mrs. Padilla and Mrs. Rine for wanting to join the Governing Board. Mr. Gerun thanked everyone for everything they do at the school as well and welcomed Mrs. Padilla to the school. Mr. Schlang welcomed Mrs. Padilla and everything the school has done and is excited about the upcoming school year. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification on the number of board members if it is five or seven. Ms. Onori advised that she will check on that information.

## **Board Vote**

Mr. Gerun motions to approve the June 21, 2021, minutes. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mr. Gerun motions to change the Governing Board September 27, 2021 meeting to September 22, 2021. Mr. Schlang seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve Lori Rine as another Governing Board member. Mr. Schlang seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve the budgets for the auditor. Mr. Gerun seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve Mrs. Padilla and Mrs. Dura as signers for the Business Card. Mr. Gerun Seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mr. Gerun motions to approve Procedure and Notification of Involuntary Examinations. Mr. Schlang seconds and all other board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve the Parent Student Handbook 2021-2022 subject to the suggested changes. Mr. Gerun seconds and all other board members are in favor.

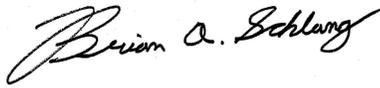
Mr. Gerun motions to approve the Mental Health Plan. Mrs. Maldonado second the motion and all other board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve to follow Broward Public School Mandate on Masks. Mr. Gerun second the motion and the other board members are in favor except Mr. Schlang who abstained to vote.

Mr. Schlang adjourns the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Roni Prager.

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:



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**Brian Schlang, Board Chair Member**

9/23/2021

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**Date**

List of Upcoming Meetings

9/22/2021

10/21/2021

11/18/2021

1/20/2022

3/17/2022

5/19/2022

6/16/2022