

Minutes
Imagine at Broward, Inc.
Imagine School at Broward
Governing Board Meeting
January 27, 2022
5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Communications Media Technology (“CMT”) Draft

Imagine School at Broward

Brian Schlang (Board Member – Chairperson) – in attendance
Christopher Buckley (CO-Secretary/Board Member) –not in attendance
John Gerun (CO-Secretary/Board Member) - in attendance
Esme Maldonado (Board Member) – in attendance
Lori Rine (Board Member) – in attendance
Debra Darling (Principal) – in attendance
Carrera Padilla- (Assistant Principal) -in attendance
Rod Sasse- not in Attendance
Susan Onori (Regional Director) – not in attendance
Elsa Forthmuller (Regional Finance Director) – in attendance
Shakira Taylor (Business Manager) – in attendance
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) – not in attendance
Chris Perez – (It Tech) –not in attendance
Roni Prager –Imagine Staff- Minutes Recorder- in attendance
Richard Moreno- in attendance

Welcome

Mr. Schlang called the meeting to order at 5:33 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

November 19, 2021

Mr. Schlang asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for the November 19, 2021, minutes. The minutes was reviewed and some minor changes were made.

January 4, 2022

Mr. Schlang asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for January 4, 2022, minutes. The minutes was reviewed and some minor changes were made.

Principals Report

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

Academics

School of Distinction

On Wednesday night, the Coral Springs City Commission and Mayor Brooke recognized Imagine School at Broward as a Cognia School of Distinction. Thank you to those who were able to tune in.

We completed our Winter STAR assessment for Reading and Math, and we are conducting APM/BSA county assessment the next couple of weeks for Math, Reading, Science, Civics, Algebra, and Geometry.

We began the third round of data chats with teachers, reviewing Tier 2 and 3 students as well as standards to be re-taught.

ESOL Access testing also started Monday, January 24 to determine the continued eligibility and level of our ESOL (English Second Language) students.

We purchased I-Ready math for the remainder of the school year with Title IV monies. Approximately \$16,000 was received. The remainder will be going towards purchasing more laptops.

Professional Developments for Team Leads on Tuesday and Teachers on Thursday were conducted on the following:

APM/BSA Training

We received an honorable mention this week from character.org as a state school of character. Happy with the results as it was our first time applying.

Enrollment

Our budgeted enrollment is 865. Current enrollment is 864. We are supposed to be getting 6 new students before FTE Week on February 7, 2022. We will continue to call in more students.

We are planning on adding two additional Kindergarten classes and two first grade classes next year as well as a third VPK room and a 3-year-old preschool class. 18 students already signed up for the 3-year-old room. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification on the breakdown of the VPK rooms; how many are full-time, part-time, and the 3-year-old classes. Ms. Darling advised that there will be 2 full-time VPK classrooms, 1 part-time class (morning and afternoon) as well as one 3-year-old class.

Finances

We finished up Boosterthon today with an exciting Dance Fit for elementary and Fun Run for middle school.

Session 3 of Enrichments begins next week. We added Chess and Slime Science enrichments in this session.

Chipotle Family Night raised close to \$300 dollars.

Health and Safety

Covid numbers have remained low and steady. We had a spike after winter break, but cases seem to have slowed down.

Athletics – Our first volleyball season ended; we are very proud of our teams. We just started flag football season.

Expansion

Construction is progressing smoothly. Foundation poured and the walls are being constructed in the backfield. The additional parking lots have been dugout.

Mrs. Onori and Ms. Darling will be sending out an RFP for furniture and meeting with furniture vendors beginning of March and Traves will be providing us with color samples for flooring.

Upcoming Events

100 Day of School

101 Day of school – Dalmatian’s Theme

Spirit Week 3rd quarter

Book Fair

Donuts with Dads

Bond Update

Mr. Moreno went over the closing costs, interest rates, and debt services that were finalized with the updated Bond. Mr. Schlang also went over explaining the breakdown of the proposed finances the bond will be utilized for. Mr. Schlang asked if there were any additional questions.

Mrs. Maldonado asked for clarification of the \$4,500.00 the Weston Imagine had received from a grant. Ms. Forthmuller advised it was a grant called Secure the Next Generation and the school got an additional \$4,500.00 total for having over a certain number of students.

Teacher Salary or Bonus Proposal

Ms. Darling went over the proposed bonus, for teachers and non-instructional staff. Mr. Schlang asked if it would be possible to add more for the staff that has been at Imagine for over 4 years. Mr. Schlang asked for the teachers on the call their opinion of the Bonus Proposal. Mrs. Davidson-London advised that she feels that Imagine should stay competitive with the district and the bonuses that they are providing their teachers.

Ms. Darling asked for the board to table the proposal for a later meeting. New meeting date options will be sent out via email to everyone.

Finances/Budget- Actuals Plus Projections & Balance Sheet

Ms. Forthmuller went over the budget, and that funding was based on 865 students. Ms. Forthmuller stated that we are currently on track with the budget. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification on a couple of items on the budget. Ms. Forthmuller explained those items that were in question.

Public Input

Mr. Schlang asked for any public input. There was none.

Board Input

Mr. Schlang asked for any Board input. Mr. Gerun stated that it is important to show our support to our teachers. Mrs. Maldonado stated that all the teachers are awesome and are in favor of the increase of bonus options for the teachers. Mrs. Rine is also in favor of the bonus increase and thanked everyone for a job well done. Mr. Schlang asked that at the next meeting we should get a construction update. Mr. Schlang also thanked everyone for a job well done.

Board Vote

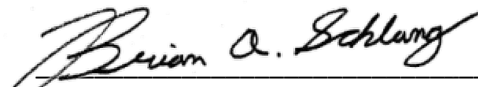
Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve the November 19, 2021 minutes with the changes. Mr. Gerun seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve January 4, 2022, minutes with the minor changes. Mrs. Rine seconds, and all present board members voted in favor.

Mr. Schlang adjourns the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Roni Prager.

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:



Brian Schlang, Board Chair Member

3/17/22

Date

List of Upcoming Meetings

3/17/2022

5/19/2022

6/16/2022