

**Minutes**  
**Imagine at Broward, Inc.**  
**Imagine School at Broward**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**August 18, 2022**  
**5:30 PM**  
**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) – 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) – not in attendance  
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) – not in attendance  
Roni Prager –Imagine Staff- Minutes Recorder- not in attendance

**Welcome**

Mrs. Maldonado called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m. Mrs. Maldonado welcomed the Board and the public to the meeting. Ms. Darling announced the meeting was being recorded.

**Public Notice**

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

**Approval of Minutes** – March 17, 2022

June 16, 2022

Mrs. Maldonado asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for June 16, 2022, minutes. They were reviewed and some minor changes were made. All present Board Members are in favor.

July 08, 2022

Mrs. Maldonado asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for July 08, 2022, minutes. They were reviewed and some minor changes were made. All present Board Members are in favor.

**Principals Report**

Ms. Darling welcomed everyone back and hoped everyone had a fantastic summer. Staff kept busy with summer school, summer camp, working on upgrades to the school, and planning for our new building. We were very pleased to learn that we are once again an “A” rated school.

**Academics**

We had a great start to the new school year. Teachers came in for preplanning week and received training on our new curriculum. ELA teachers learned about Lexia for progress monitoring and RTI. Math teachers got

professional development on Envision our new math program. Middle School ELA teachers went to Imagine Weston for our new Literature curriculum and administration received training on emergency evacuations and FAST testing, the state's progress monitoring that is replacing FSA. On Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, teachers from our five Imagine region schools attended the Forum at the Boca Marriott. We are happy to announce we received an A+ grade for economic sustainability, an A for Parent Choice, and an A- for Shared Values.

We had a successful Meet and Greet on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> where families had the opportunity to meet their teacher.

### **Enrollment and Staffing**

Our budgeted enrollment is 1006. Current physical enrollment is 969. A few students are still not present due to sickness and we continue to call in families from our waiting list and are expected to have full enrollment.

We welcomed 15 new amazing teachers to our staff and they are doing a fantastic job. Three were past employees and two were last year's student teachers, and two transferred from other Imagine schools.

### **Finances**

We started off with our JIF club membership fundraiser. And so far, we have raised over \$27,000.00.

### **Health and Safety**

Officer Rodriguez has returned as our School Guardian. Security guard Mr. Tyler Rivera has been added to our security team. We started installing the Aura Beat AG+ air sanitizing purifiers throughout the school today. They are lab tested to eliminate  $\geq 99.9\%$  of the virus that causes COVID-19 virus within 15 minutes as proven by independent lab creating a safer environment with a combination of high efficiency HEPA grade filter, ultraviolet light and plasma triple air disinfection technology. A paging intercom safety system has been installed throughout our current building.

### **Expansion**

It's official! We are moving into the Soaring Hall for MS. We will officially start Monday morning in the new building with students. Big shout out to Enrique and Chris Perez for working all night Monday to make this happen. We will have middle school students come to the Great Room Monday morning for a small pep rally and to explain expectations of keeping our new building clean.

Telephones are working. Wi-Fi is installed and teacher laptops will work in the new building.

Enrique is working on student Chromebook connections. We will be sending home Chromebook sign out forms for students to take home and get signed. Once signed, MS students will have their own Chromebook to bring back and forth to school.

Classroom keys were given to teachers today. MS teachers may begin accessing the building tomorrow before and after school or during their planning. Ms. Darling will open the school Saturday from 10 to 4 for moving in. Each room has been furnished with 28 flexible seating arrangement student desks with backpack hooks, student chairs, one kidney table for small groups, teacher desk, teacher chair on wheels, filing cabinets with drawers on wheels, teacher podium on wheels with storage, two metal bookcases, and a metal cabinet. Each room has motion sensors so they don't have to turn lights on or off.

We are still working on the following: Installing classroom printers, 70" TVs, shades for windows, cameras, magnetic key fob on exterior doors, and the all-page intercom system

We should have access to the atrium, stage, gymnasium and back field in four weeks.

A big huge heartfelt appreciation shout out to all for being flexible.

The red playground opened today with artificial turf.

### **Upcoming Events**

We will begin STAR/FAST testing next week. We are slowly learning the state's progress monitoring system and how student reports will be organized.

PTO will launch their Fall Catalog fundraiser next week.

We will continue with our mandatory fire, code red and tornado drills.

We are hoping to have our gymnasium opened in the next few weeks so we can have a ribbon cutting ceremony and open houses where families can tour the new building.

### **Finances/Budget Approval-2022-2023**

Ms. Forthmuller shared the final financial report for the 21-22 school year. The budget ended very positively. Final approvals for the ESSER 2 funds based on the information on how much we were going to get from the district. Our fund balance increased \$111,000 plus for the year. The 2022 estimated end balance is \$3.3 million plus. This is including the approval for the ESSER 2 funds based on the information received from the district. Imagine is currently invoicing the district for the amount that they have not yet reimbursed them for. Mrs. Forthmuller asked if there were any questions. Mr. Buckley asked if she could explain the variances on the budget. Mrs. Forthmuller went over the variances; it was the remaining ESSER 2 fund the district did not fund due to time constraints on their end. Ms. Taylor did a very good job in requesting the reimbursements and we ended the year with a surplus.

### **Building Updates**

Most of the building updates were covered in the principal's report. Ms. Darling reported that the temporary certificate of occupancy was received. Teachers and students are ready to move into the new 12 classrooms officially on Monday. Ms. Onori, recommends that the board stops by to take a tour. The building is beautiful. Mr. Buckley asked what the sentiment from the school is, and they are all very excited. Mr. Sasse complimented Ms. Darling and Ms. Onori, for both spearheading the project and being flexible with what was needed. He complimented the Board and Ms. Taylor.

### **Alyssa's Law SaferWatch**

The state did inform the schools that rapture was no longer to be used because it was not compliant with the law. Imagine is using SaferWatch app. It is on the teachers and staff cell phones. There was an abundance of training. It is an incident management app, where it is a mobile panic alert system. It does link up with the local law enforcement.

### **Parent Handbook Approvals**

Ms. Darling advised that she sent the handbook out to the governing board members. She did request comments and questions from the board. Thankfully, none was received. Attention to the items that were changed were discussed and shared. Covid policies were also removed. The handbook is on the website, but parents can request a printed copy from the front office.

### **Staff Handbook Approvals**

The staff handbook remains the same with a few minor changes. The changes were the staff member names, who they can go to if need help, and COVID-19 policies were taken out. Covid lead policy expired at the end of the school year.

### **Public Input**

There was no public input.

### **Board Input**

Mr. Schlang thanked Mrs. Maldonado for running the meeting. He complimented the financials looking very good. He also gave us an update on the interest locking of the reserve on the bonds. Guarantee contract could not happen, and they are working on a second solution which is looking at getting US treasuries. This option is also a great option. Mr. Schlang congratulated everyone on the first day of school and is looking forwards to seeing the new building. Mrs. Rine congratulated the school on earning an A. She was very thankful on hiring all the new teachers. She also congratulated the school with the new building, move in date and the turf on the playground. She thanked the staff for everything they do especially with the carline. Mr. Buckley can't wait to see the building. He thanked the teachers and everyone who persevered with the construction and the planning. He also complimented Mrs. Forthmuller for a great budget. Mrs. Maldonado said it was a great first week, and the learning was happening despite the quick changes. Mrs. Maldonado is excited to see the finished building and thanked everyone on the call. Mrs. Onori thanked the board as well when it came to the vision of building a new building.

### **Board Vote**

Mr. Buckley motions to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes. Mrs. Rine seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mr. Buckley motions to approve the July 8, 2022 minutes. Mrs. Rine seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mrs. Rine motions to approve the parent handbook as we reviewed it tonight. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mrs. Rine motions to approve the staff handbook as we reviewed it tonight. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

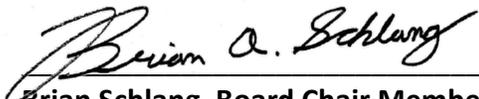
Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve Alyssa SaferWatch replacing Rapture which the state no longer utilizes. Mrs. Rine seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to finalize the 21-22 school year budget for Imagine School at Broward. Mr. Buckley seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado adjourns the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Esme Maldonado.

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:

  
Brian Schlang, Board Chair Member

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9/23/2022

**Date**

List of Upcoming Meetings

- August 11, 2022
- September 22, 2022
- November 10, 2022
- February 16, 2023
- April 13, 2023
- June 15, 2023