

**Minutes
Imagine at Broward, Inc.
Imagine School at Broward
Governing Board Meeting
January 19, 2023
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) -not in attendance
Esme Maldonado (Board Member/Secretary) – 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) – in attendance
Elsa Forthmuller (Regional Finance Director) – not in attendance
Shakira Taylor (Business Manager) – in attendance
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) – in attendance

Welcome

Mr. Schlang called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. Mr. Schlang 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 parent square), and flyers posted on the main entry door to the school per the official school policy.

Enrollment Increase Request for District Approval:

Our current charter allows us to have enrollment up to 1080. In preparation to fill in the new classrooms, Imagine School at Broward has to request to the district an increase of enrollment capacity on the charter by March 1, 2023. We must provide governing board approved minutes and floor plans with capacity information. Fire capacity for our school is 20 square feet per 1 person, which can comfortably fit 32 students in a classroom.

We are asking for the largest enrollment possible, which is 1400, just in case we need it in the future. At the moment Imagine has 59 possible classrooms and if filled with 24 students in each classroom we can put future enrollment at 1416 students.

It was decided by leadership to ask for a capacity of 1400. Mr. Schlang asked, "What is the expected number of students or capacity based on where we want to be as a school?" Ms. Darling stated, the school currently has 6 classrooms that are vacant. The plan is to fill 3 classrooms in the 23-24 school year, and 3 more in the 24-25 school year with the potential of adding another special utilizing one of those 6 classrooms.

Class size was discussed where Imagine School at Broward has 20-22 students in grades K-3 and 24 students in grades 4-8. Mr. Buckley asked if having 24 students in the classroom is the norm. Class ratio and class averaging was discussed. Enrollment of other Imagine Schools were discussed just to see where we compare with them. Mrs. Onori explained that the other Imagine Schools in our region were comparable.

It was also explained that when the request is submitted to the district, district staff may come back and ask us more questions. The district just wants to make sure that our enrollment doesn't exceed the capacity of the school.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Board Input

Mrs. Maldonado asked if "Camp Imagine" was going to be offered in the summer of 2023. Ms. Darling said "yes." It was also discussed the revamping of the camp for the upper elementary school kids in grades 3-5. There is a new summer camp director who has great ideas with fieldtrips and more positive changes.

Mrs. Maldonado thanked the board and the school staff for an amazing first semester. Mr. Buckley is excited to see things moving along with the new building and the enrollment. Mrs. Rines is excited about the second half of the school year. Mr. Schlang is excited to see everyone at the ribbon cutting ceremony!!!

Board Vote

Mr. Buckley motions to approve enrollment increase request to the district for approval with the capacity of the school up to 1400 students. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all present board members voted in favor.

Mr. Schlang adjourns the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Esme Maldonado.

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BS', is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Schlang, Board Chair Member

2-17-2023

Date

List of Upcoming Meetings

February 16, 2023

April 13, 2023

June 15, 2023