

Imagine Classical Academy Board Meeting Minutes



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Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00pm Room 209



The mission of the Imagine Classical Academy at Indigo Ranch is to positively shape the hearts and minds of our students by providing them with an academically rigorous and content rich curriculum, a learning environment of high expectations for student achievement in which character is modeled and promoted within a collaborative community based on trusting relationships.

The Board shall use the Mission, the Motto and the Six Measures of Excellence (Shared Values, Parent Choice, Academic Growth, Character Education, Economic Sustainability, and School Development) as the filter for all decision making.

- I. Call to Order - 700pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – 700pm Lead by Mike Riggs
- III. Mission Statement – 700pm Read by Markus Bahnemann
- IV. Roll Call – 701pm All present except Brandon Henry was absent with prior notice
- V. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2016 – 702pm Motion to approve, all in favor
- VI. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda – 702pm Moved to approve, all in favor
- VII. Comments from public - 702pm None
- VIII. Accountability Report – Frank Fowler 703pm
We reviewed trend with school accountability committee previously therefore, no additional news. Both campuses are busy tying up the year.
- IX. Consent Items – 705pm
These are items that are for information or for vote, but do not require further discussion by the Board or staff at this time. In the event that new information is available since the publication of the agenda, prior to approval of the consent agenda as presented, the board or staff may remove any consent agenda item(s) to the Discussion Agenda.
 - A. Treasurer's Report
Invalid for this month...none available.
 - B. Ratification of Board terms
 - C. Agreement for Reciprocal Access with Sunshine House
Agreement signed by the Mike Riggs
- X. Action Items – 708pm
These are items that are for Board Approval by vote, which may require Board discussion.
 - A. 2016-2017 Board Meeting Calendar
Adjusted dates to the current Monday's for next school year. Annual board meeting and training will occur Aug. 22nd. The 10th board meeting is June 13th at 4pm and 430pm work session to discuss the strategic plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Add June 12th as the 10th board meeting for 2017 calendar.

- B. Be it resolved by the Governing Board of Imagine Classical Academy of Indigo Ranch That the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the FY16-17 Initial Budget.
Monthly Lease payment for the building is \$107,500. The lease is 25% of operating expense. Kindy is counted as .56% of a student. Middle school shares the same teachers for all grades totaling 6. There will be 3 additional paras, 1 for 5th and 2 for 4th grades. Marilyn Shapiro and paras have seen improvement for students in deibels testing. All paras work under 30 hrs per week. Page 21 budget ends at zero. Valerie will look into the difference of \$5000 to zero balance. We are able to carry over funds from year to year. Moved and approved to accept with corrected copy regarding the \$5000 discrepancy. Appropriation is not affected.
- C. Move annual meeting from May to August 2016 to allow for annual report data review -motion to move meeting to Aug 22nd. All approved.

XI. Discussion Items

These are items that are for Board discussion, but do not require Board Approval by vote at this time.

- A. Strategic Planning – 732pm
- B. Board Retreat – 732pm Aug 22, 2016

XII. Board member communication – 734pm

We will need to review major contracts with Imagine. District contract doesn't expire until June 2018. We will look into an executive session regarding contracts and charter renewal as well as the lease for our building. Further discussion will occur at the June 13, 2016 meeting.

XIII. Other Business – 738pm

XIV. Adjournment – 738pm

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS:

Board meetings are generally a time for the Board to hear from the Principal, other senior administration representatives, and those who are scheduled to make presentations on selected topics. Colorado law prohibits the Board from discussing public business other than during public meetings or executive sessions (see below). Therefore, these public sessions are working sessions of the Board that are intended to provide interaction between Board members and administration in an effort to reach decisions on a wide variety of issues. With rare exception, these meetings are not the best place for initial discussion to take place. New initiatives or proposals should typically be discussed first with administration and a formal proposal prepared for presentation at a time when the item can be scheduled on the agenda. Nevertheless, there are times when the Board is discussing a proposal that certain individuals attending the meeting can provide valuable insight, expertise and perspective to assist the Board in making wise and well-informed decisions. Generally, those involved in bringing forth an idea, and those most active in the process of researching and presenting a proposal, will be the ones most likely to be called upon for input during the Board's discussion. In addition, senior administration officials and representatives from other active task forces will be relied upon for their perspective concerning a particular proposal and the impact it will have on various constituencies.

OPEN FORUM:

During each meeting, the Board sets aside a period of time when anyone who wishes to do so may make a brief statement or mini-presentation to the Board. The Board will take these comments and suggestions under consideration, but will typically not have adequate time in the schedule or enough information to be able to make a decision or respond during the meeting. The Board may choose to refer such items to the administration for research and the possible future preparation of a recommended course of action to be considered at a later meeting.

OTHER VENUES FOR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS:

New ideas and suggestions are often best handled by contacting the administration. In addition, there are a number of other venues where interested individuals are encouraged to bring forth ideas and suggestions. These include, but are not limited to, Student Character Council; Parents Teachers Organizations (PTOs), Town Hall Meetings, Principal's Coffees, regularly scheduled parent meetings, and various Task Forces. Proposals which are brought forth through groups such as these, in close cooperation with the administration, are typically organized in a manner that make them easier for the Board to properly consider them and make well-informed decisions.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

While the law requires that most Board meetings be open to the public, the Board may meet in a private, "executive" session to consider the following types of matters: (i) purchase or sale of real estate; (ii) conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice; (iii) matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state laws or regulations; (iv) specialized details of security arrangements or investigations; (v) determination of positions relative to contract negotiations; (vi) personnel matters; (vii) consideration of documents protected by the Open Records Act; and (viii) discussion of most individual student matters.