

## Imagine Classical Academy Agenda



*Where students are classically trained, culturally literate, and globally prepared.*

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**Regular Board Meeting Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 at 6:00pm in 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 – 6:06pm
- II. Roll Call - Brandon Henry, Mike Riggs (via phone) Markus Bahnemann, Mike Phillipich, Chris Dempsey
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by Markus Bahnemann
- IV. Mission Statement – Read by Brandon Henry
- V. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda – motion to approve agenda as is. 5-0 approved.
- VI. Adjourn to Executive Session: - 6:10pm Personnel matters (individual employees or groups of employees but not Board members; this provision also does not apply to discussions of personnel policies not personal to particular employees), CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I & II)  
  
Principal evaluation discussed and no action taken. Will take action item to accept and take place in exec session. Brandon Henry moved to adjourn and motion passed 5-0.
- VII. Adjourn to Regular Meeting – 7:16pm**
- VIII. Audience Participation – back into session 7:22pm. No participation
- IX. Approval of minutes from August 22, 2016 – Motion to approve minutes as presented 5-0 passed.
- X. Treasurer's/Business Manager's Report on Trend – Valerie O'Brien - August down \$21,000 Note 5-9 on report. Work comp and liability, back to school and google summit expenses. Projected to be down \$24,000. Looking good for the count. Valerie attended finance summit with the league of charter today.
- XI. Principal's Report – Frank Fowler – Budgeted #745 and are at 746. Shared values plan with 5 measures of excellence. See report in regards to updates. MS musical with 40 kids to audition, Counselor consultant helped a lot with the MS field trip. New counselor and school security. May have to lower enrollment in MS for next year due to opening of Banning Lewis. Starbase with 5<sup>th</sup> graders STEM again this year. Shared Primary literacy report to be presented with the district. Looked over PARCC and STARR growth / difference.
- XII. Regional Report – Nancy Box, Monte Lange – Looked at all schools data in AZ. Spoke about cultural sensitivities. Very productive to get together and discuss.

### XIII. Discussion Items

- A. Groundwater - Quote was provided of \$3925 to drill bore holes but will require exec session. Until we discuss responsibilities as a board we will wait to fully discuss with counsel.
- B. Board Training Modules – set aside time as a team to move through them. Will talk with Nora to see if all need to be completed because they include tests. We were marked down on the D49 review for board training. Must print all certificates at the end of modules to provide to D49. Feb 24 avail for board training.
- C. D49 Review – It's the districts opinion of how the school is doing with limited time to respond. We requested an extension and they denied. D49 will have a work session on Wednesday. Monte wants to set up meeting with Mr. Franko at D49 to discuss further. Will be part of charter renewal. May want to attend other charter schools board meetings to build relationships with other charters in district.
- D. Defer Lease review with Council until October – will require exec session
- E. Calendar - Valerie met with calendar committee but not with Frank yet. Want to stay aligned with district for the most part. No major changes. **Will revisit Jan time frame.** In regards to MLO funds will have a special meeting to go over with the board the map of school to apply funds. **Phone meeting to discuss Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**
- F. Review of Board Duties – Markus Bahnemann read code of conduct 2.11. Board member Agreement was read by Mike Riggs as well. **Order books “ 7 laws of teaching” (out of yellow book)schools we need and why we don't have them, Cultural literacy. Scope and sequence.**

### XIV. Action Items

*These are items that are for Board Approval by vote, which may require Board discussion.*

- A. Attendance Policy I-JFBA – motion to approve attendance policy as written and received on Sept 19. No further discussion. 5-0 passed efft Sept 26, 2016
- B. Imagine Schools Evaluation – D49 wanted a review from Imagine and drafted for board to consider. Was presented to the board last Oct 2015 and is just a draft. Went thru operating agreement and renewal process. Any action taken will be moved to review for next year along with d49 review. **Will be a discussion item for Oct and take action in Dec.** Motion to table action item until Oct / Dec meeting. 5-0 passed.

- XV. Board member communication – Create work session for Oct 24 prior to the scheduled board meeting at 3pm. Brandon wants to talk with previous students regarding readiness for high school, His idea of sending a handful of questions to parents from school admin. Marcia was to start this and Brandon to get with her. Present in January. Wants ideas of what types of questions to ask? Refer to mission? May ask high school principals as well. Brandon to take the lead.

### XVI. Other Business

- a. Schedule executive session with Eric Hall regarding Lease Review Engagement – **Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm and exec session to follow at 630pm. Email Eric time / date.**

### XVII. Adjournment - 913pm

#### **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.*