

IMAGINE SOUTH LAKE CHARTER
Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. – Room 342



MINUTES

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- I. Welcome/Call to Order – Kevin Trout called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Character Pledge - Led By Student Ambassadors
- III. Public Notice – Notice of the meeting was posted in the front office, on our website and the marquee.
- IV. Quorum Roll Call – Kevin Trout, Vertis Lane, Bill Decker, Elaine Kelly and Christine Cavender were all present.
- V. Additions/Changes to the Agenda – Vertis Lane requested that “recognition” be added under new business.
- VI. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. January 25, 2016 – Board Meeting Minutes* Bill Decker moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2016. Christine Cavender seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- VII. Presentations to the Board
 - a. State School of Character – The board members received a copy of a letter from schoolcharacter.org naming Imagine South Lake as a State School of Character. The letter stated that Imagine South Lake is being considered for a national school of character.
 - b. Valorie Sierens – Highly Effective Award – Mrs. Sierens was honored by the Lake County School Board for earning 4 years of Highly Effective math scores. Mrs. Sierens stated that she was proud to help Imagine South Lake shine at the county level. Mrs. Sierens commended Mrs. Dial for being a supportive principal and Mrs. Tingley for being a great team leader.
- VIII. Student Ambassadors
 - a. Maddie and Marissa Golem (Alternating Months) – Maddie Golem polled students from the middle school to see what clubs they would like to see formed at the school. Maddie said that the students she spoke to were interested in forming debate, robotics, middle school art, and theater clubs.
 - b. Brandon Aiello reported that sometimes the hallways are crowded at dismissal and car holding rooms were loud. Mr. Trout requested that Brandon follow up next month after Miss Osborne has had a chance to address the issue.
- IX. Committee and Special Reports
 - a. Young Engineer Scientists Club – Beth Golem was present to tell the board about a new after school program that parents have the option in which to enroll their children for a fee. The lesson plans are provided to the teachers. Mrs. Golem and 2 other teachers are working with the students on STEM activities. Last week the kindergarten participants worked together to make gliders. Mrs. Golem stated that the program was going well so far and was almost full. The program lasts for 7 weeks and will be offered over the summer.
 - b. 5th Grade Blanket Drive – Mrs. Greata and her student Bianca Esterripa were present to discuss the recent Blanket Drive. Bianca shared with the board that she and the other students in 5th grade created flyers and organized a blanket drive for the patients at the Clermont Health and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Greata said that she and several of her students visited the center on Saturday, February 13th to deliver the blankets. The residents were very appreciative of the blankets.
- X. Old and Unfinished Business

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- a. Board Handbook* Bill Decker moved to rescind the Parent Financial Responsibility Policy that was created April 23, 2015. Vertis Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. Clarifying language for the policy was discussed. Christine Cavender moved to approve the new Parent Financial Responsibility Policy. Bill Decker seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- XI. Annual Strategic Goals
 - a. Enrollment Report
- XII. Financial Report
 - a. Monthly Board Budget* Bill Decker moved to approve the monthly projected budget as presented. Vertis Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- XIII. New Business
 - a. *Legislative Update*- School grades have been finalized and Imagine South Lake is officially an A school. Lake County School District has improved to a B. Mrs. Fornes gave an update regarding capital outlay dollars and high performing charter statuses.
 - b. School Calendar 2016-2017* - The board were provided with a copy of Lake County School's student calendar for the 2016 – 2017 school year, Vertis Lane moved to approved the student calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Christine Cavender seconded the motion.
 - c. 990 Return
 - d. Recognition – Vertis Lane proposed to the board that the board order and present a plaque to Jennifer Fornes for her hard work and accomplishments during her time as interim principal of Imagine South Lake.
- XIV. School Leadership Report
 - a. Principal – Mrs. Dial reported that our STEM teams visited the Lake County STEM Bowl and our middle school team placed 3rd overall. Many of our middle school science fair participants attended the Lake County Schools Science Fair and several received awards. Mrs. Dial and Miss Osborne are in the midst of the second round of formal observations and they feel the observations are going well. Mrs. Dial also invited the board to attend the 2nd annual Spring Gala on Friday, April 1.
 - b. Academics – Mrs. Flood reported that the first FSA Bootcamp was held on Wednesday, February 10. 235 students stayed after school to participate in the tutoring effort. 4 teachers had previous engagements so there will be a larger number of students at the next session. Mrs. Flood informed the board that there are also teachers conducting tutoring during lunch, before school, and on Saturdays. Many of our students are close to proficiency so this effort is to push them to achieve the next level. Mrs. Flood shared that she has been visiting classrooms and giving writing lessons. She stated that she has seen a lot of growth with our students' writing and she looks forward to seeing how they do on the FSA Writing. Mrs. Flood stated that the students are enjoying using the DRAFTERS technique while writing. Mrs. Anderson reported that students finished their STAR testing on February 3rd. The percentage of students in INNOVATING for CHARGE moved from 28% to 35%. The number of students in INTERVENTION decreased but this caused an increase in "bubble kids". The kindergarten advanced level grew from 38% to almost 60%. Mrs. Anderson shared that kindergarten students joined CHARGE today and they were very excited.

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- c. Operations – Miss Osborne reported that we were well prepared for our bullying audit from Lake County. We passed the audit. Miss Osborne also stated that we were randomly selected to administer the student health and wellness survey. Parents will receive a letter informing them of their right to opt out of their student taking the survey. We've added 2 sub drivers to our payroll and this will help avoid bus outages.
- XV. Region Report – Mrs. Fornes shared the region will be announcing the winner of teacher of the year on Friday. The winner for our region will go on to compete at the national level. Mrs. Fornes also reported that there was an Imagine Schools Leadership Summit last week with all principals and regional directors for Imagine Schools. Imagine South Lake was showcased at the event and honored for being a state school of character.
- XVI. Hear the Audience – No comments
- XVII. Board Member Comments – Mrs. Tingley commented on how well the FSA boot camp went on Saturday. Students had fun and parents brought treats to be shared.
- XVIII. Next Meetings
 - a. Board Meeting – March 15, 2016, 5:30pm
- XIX. Meeting Adjournment – Bill Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01PM. Christine Cavender seconded the motion. All were in favor.

* Requires Board Action

Italicized = action items from last board meeting

Submitted by Elaine Kelly, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on March 15, 2016

Kevin Trout, Board Chairman

3-15-16

Date