

**Imagine Classical Academy
Board Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2016**



Where students are classically trained, culturally literate, and globally prepared.
6464 Peterson Road • Colorado Springs, CO 80923



Regular Meeting 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 -6:09pm
- II. Roll Call - Brandon Henry, Markus Bahnemann, Chris Dempsey, Michael Riggs, Michael Phillipich and Trevor Woodcock (boy scout working on merit badge)
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – lead by Chris Dempsey
- IV. Mission Statement – read by Markus Bahnemann
- V. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda – motion to approve, approved 5-0
- VI. Comments from the public - Heidi Prescott wants to voice concern regarding the water and ice and what is in the works to resolve. Board advises for Frank Fowler to email parents with info regarding update.
- VII. Approval of minutes from Sept 26, October 6 & 24 and Nov 10, 2016 – Approved 5-0
- VIII. Treasurer's/Business Manager's Report on Trend November - trend has not been finalized yet.
- IX. Principal's Report – Frank Fowler – Reading and Starr test stats presented showing growth for 1st – 8th grades. Discussed benchmarks for grade levels as well. We are having high level conversations regarding math. Economic sustainability and playground in discussion with owners. Down \$50,000 in budget. Met with SAC and reviewed the UIP.
- X. Regional Report – Nancy Box, Monte Lange – Met with principals in Firestone with Arizona folks. Worked on lesson plans for both schools and will coach teachers. Very crafted meeting and that added value to both campuses. Did get a draft report back from company who did the drilling and are still in follow up.
- XI. Discussion Items
 - A. Imagine Review – board wants to review and fill in and bring back for discussion / action item by January. Required by D49 and charter renewal.
 - B. Ground water update – working with drilling company and looking for potential solutions. Frank to send out an email to families regarding status of water / ice.
 - C. Mill Levy funds – preliminary discussion of parking lot / playground maps. Melissa Andrews at Facilities D49 liked this idea. Discussion of carpool and parking. Largest amount of MLO funds are for capital improvement. 3B will be a one-time expenditure. Salaries have been reviewed and will continue to increase each year. Salaries cap at 10 years but have been aligned with the district. Board wants to assist in helping with traffic flow as they may have contacts that may help. Possibility for additional sheds.

XII. Action Items

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

A. Resolution to approve the amended budget and appropriate the funds as specified.

- presented by Scott Hunter – Major changes in the amended budget include change to # of fte students. PPR adjusted \$7223.54 per student. # of employees and insurance as well as MLO budget adjustment. We discussed impact of Minimum wage law that is now in place. Read act funds reduced due to less need. Robotics and recent PD costs have increased. We have \$1.2 million in reserve funds. Monthly net is \$500,000, therefore anything over \$1.2 mil should be spent on today's kids. Approved 5-0

B. 2017-2018 School Calendar – Amend Sept 15 to say Regional PD Day. Calendar needs to align with the district for bussing, testing, etc. Our spring and fall breaks align with the 2nd week off for the district. Approved 5-0

XIII. Board member communication – Student issue that we engaged with legal on regrading a grievance process.

Nancy will work on the report and if we need to discuss further will have executive session.

Board looking to attend the league of charter schools conference again this year on Feb. 23 & 24th.

Michael Phillipich to look at how funds on return can make us more money moving forward.

XIV. Other Business - None

XV. Adjournment - 7:55pm Motion to adjourn approve 5-0

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.