



## Imagine Foundations Public Charter School

### Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 24, 2025

**Time:** 5:05 PM

**Location:** Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

**Meeting Type:** Board Meeting

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Chair:** Mrs. Levonia Wiggins called the first meeting of the **2025–2026 school year** to order at **5:05 PM**, confirming a quorum.

#### **Board Members Present:**

- Mrs. Levonia Wiggins, Chair
- Mr. Nolan Bozeman, Vice Chair
- Mr. Ivan Douglas, Member
- Mrs. Angela Glymph, Parent Liaison
- Ms. Deveny S., Member
- Ms. Eboonnie Clark, Member (joined later)

#### **Regional Team and Guests Present:**

- Mr. Shawn Toler – Executive Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Region
- Mr. Lance Pace – Regional Director
- Mr. Travis Miller – Regional Academic Director
- Mr. Mark Connelly – Regional Academic Coach (Morningside)
- Mr. Antoine Yancey – Regional Academic Coach (Leeland)
- Mr. Ryan Scott – Regional Operations Coordinator



- Mr. Roderick Cable – Regional Director of IT
- Mr. Nate Evans – Senior Accountant
- Mr. Geoffrey Jones – Senior Accountant
- Ms. Jane Kintu – Accounts Payable
- Mr. Geoffrey Darko – Marketing & Communications Coordinator
- Mr. Quincy Jackson – Regional Office Manager

#### **Principals and School Leadership:**

- Ms. Sara Cypress – Principal, Imagine Foundations at Morningside
- Ms. Sherilyn Reid-Williams – Principal, Imagine Foundations at Leeland
- Ms. LaQuincia Dunn – Academic Facilitator, Leeland
- Ms. Shayla Manigault – Academic Facilitator, Leeland
- Ms. Nicole Haran – Academic Facilitator, Morningside
- Ms. Denise Nembhard – Community School Coordinator, Morningside
- Dr. Almira Pointer – Teacher of the Year, Morningside

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

## **3. Board Chair's Opening Remarks – Mrs. Levonia Wiggins**

- Welcomed all members back for the new school year.
- Noted the return of the full board and expressed appreciation for continued service.
- Shared that board and regional collaboration continued throughout the summer months.



- Stated that alternating agenda format will continue: one meeting focused on **school leader reports** and another for **committee reports**.

#### 4. Regional Team Welcome – Mr. Shawn Toler, EVP

- Extended gratitude to board and school leaders for partnership and service.
- Reinforced the 2025–26 theme “**Building Excellence**” guided by Imagine’s shared values of **Justice, Integrity, and Fun**.
- Emphasized that this year’s focus is on culture, authenticity, and character.
- Announced the addition of **Mr. Antoine Yancey** as Regional Academic Coach for Imagine Foundations at Leeland, noting his 25+ years of educational experience.

#### 5. Principal Reports

##### A. Imagine Foundations at Morningside – Principal Sara Cypress

**Theme:** “*Reaping Success for 100% of IFAM Scholars*”

**Belief Statement:** “We believe in our scholars’ capabilities to imagine, plan, and achieve boundless opportunities.”

##### **Highlights:**

- Renewed commitment to **Imagine’s Six Measures of Excellence**, using the acronym *SPACES*: Shared Values, Parent Choice, Academic Growth, Character Development, Economic Sustainability, and School Development.
- **Shared Values:** 100% of stakeholders will understand and implement Justice, Integrity, and Fun through consistent language and modeling.
- **Parent Choice:** Targeting 80% re-enrollment; hosting ongoing family events such as *Summer Meet & Greet, Back-to-School Night, PTO meetings, Community School steering committee, and MCAP Data Night*.
- **Academic Growth:**



- Focused on teacher proficiency in instructional practices and collaborative planning.
- Implementing the *Teaching and Learning Process* to identify and address learning gaps.
- Student goal: Median Student Growth Percentile (**SGP**) of **50** or higher in both Reading and Math; increase **MCAP proficiency by 10 percentage points**.
- **Character Development:** Emphasizing core values *Respect, Empathy, Accountability, Perseverance* (R.E.A.P.) and participation in Character.org's *11 Principles Framework*.
- **Economic Sustainability:** Promoting staff understanding of budget operations; fundraising includes *Read-a-thon* and *Penny Wars*.
- **School Development:**
  - Focus on **Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)** for students with disabilities.
  - Supporting *Talented & Gifted* and *Honors* programs; introducing *Spanish language instruction*.
  - Year 1 implementation as a **Community School**, aligning county's six pillars with Imagine's six measures.
- Upcoming events: *SPED Family Night (Sept 25)*, *Attendance Celebration*, *Read-a-thon (Oct 3)*, *High School Specialty Night (Oct 10)*, and *PTO Glow Party (Oct 17)*.

#### Q&A:

- Mrs. Wiggins commended enrollment progress and community engagement efforts.
- Ms. Cypress and Ms. Nembhard elaborated on the **Community School model**, explaining its six pillars and commitment to wraparound supports.

#### B. Imagine Foundations at Leeland – Principal Sherilyn Reid-Williams



**Theme:** “Constructing Character and Strengthening Scholars”

**Focus Areas:** Mathematics, Science, Special Education, and School Culture.

**Highlights:**

- **Enrollment:** 505 students (exceeded projected goal of 495).
- **Attendance:** Averaging **97.7%** through September.
- **Academic Priorities:**
  - Math: Increase overall proficiency by **5%**, with **10%** schoolwide target.
  - Science: Improve *MISA* proficiency by **10%**.
  - Targeted Support Improvement (TSI) plan for **Special Education** students with focus on specially designed instruction.
- **Instructional Strategies:**
  - Weekly **4E planning** sessions; real-time data monitoring; data chats with students.
  - New **Math Coach (Dr. Paha)** and **Math Resource Teacher** supporting grades 3–5.
  - **Ready Math Consultant** engaged in classroom walkthroughs.
  - **New Science Teacher (Grades 5–6)** hired; long-term sub supported in grades 7–8.
- **MCAP & STAR Data:**
  - Slight year-over-year growth in Math and ELA proficiency; continued upward trend.
  - 8th-grade Science proficiency increased from 18% to 33%; Social Studies from 15% to 24%.
- **School Culture & PTO:**
  - New **PTO President: Tamika Gooding; Vice President: Lavonia Murphy.**



- Successful **Book Fair** fundraiser raising **\$9,980**.
- First **PBIS Core Value Celebration (Pajama Jam)** held in September.
- Continued implementation of **Lead Em Up Leadership Program** for grades 5–8.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - *Open House (Sept 25), SPED Parent Meeting (rescheduled to Sept 30),*
  - *Hispanic Heritage PBIS Night (Oct 6), Middle School Night (Oct 14), School Pictures (Oct 28).*

#### **Q&A:**

- Mrs. Wiggins praised enrollment gains and strong PTO engagement.
- Discussed open house promotion through PGCPs website and school communications.

#### **6. Public Comment**

- **Ms. Jamie Hayman** – Parent at Morningside and PTO Recording Secretary
- **Ms. Jacquice Davis** – Parent at Leeland and PTO Board Member  
Both thanked the board for collaboration and expressed enthusiasm for continued parent engagement.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

- **Committee Meeting:** October 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM

#### **8. Adjournment**



**Motion:** Ms. Eboonnie Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Mr. Nolan Bozeman.

**Time:** 6:09 PM