



Imagine Andrews Public Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Virtual (TEAMS)

1. Call to Order

Chair **Mr. Estep** experienced microphone issues. The meeting was officially called to order by **Mr. Shawn Toler** and handed to **Principal Howard Rice** to begin proceedings.

2. Opening & Pledge of Allegiance

3. Shared Values Presentation

Principal Rice presented the Imagines Schools shared values: **Justice, Integrity, and Fun.**

Justice

- The Special Education team hosted a required **Special Education Open House** for families.
- Families were able to learn about available services, ask questions, and understand school-wide and district-wide support systems.
- PGCPs mandated the event for all schools; turnout at Imagine Andrews was strong.

4. Parent Choice & Enrollment Update

Current Enrollment (as of 11/12/25): 405 students

- Enrollment ended at **404 students** on September 30.
- One military student enrolled through the approved post-deadline process.



- Three additional military families were expected; two were delayed due to the federal government shutdown.
- These families are projected to arrive in **January**, which would increase enrollment to **408**.
- Additional growth may occur throughout the school year.

Military Enrollment MOU Update

- The school is currently authorized to enroll military students through **January**.
- Mr. Toler is working to have the MOU revised to allow **year-round enrollment**, consistent with the original agreement.
- Collaboration continues with the Base Commander and Charter Office.
- Leadership may escalate to the PGCPs Superintendent if delays persist.

5. Specialty School Night

Representatives **Ms. Copes** and **Ms. Gunn** attended the **Dr. Henry Wise High School Specialty School Fair**.

- Purpose: Engage and inform potential families exploring school options.
- Increases visibility and supports enrollment initiatives.

6. Open House Events

- Most recent Open House attendance: **17 families**
- Next Open House: **December 10**
- Open Houses allow families base access, classroom tours, presentations, and direct questions.
- Pre-pandemic attendance averaged 15–25 families.



7. Academic Growth Reports

PSAT 8/9 Results – Presented by Ms. Bonita Gunn

41 scholars participated on October 22.

Mean Total Scores:

Category	Mean Score
Imagine Andrews	825
PGCPS	739
State – All Schools	807
State – Public Schools	789
U.S. & Territories	828

Performance Notes:

- Imagine Andrews significantly outperformed PGCPS and the State of Maryland.
- Imagine Andrews nearly matched the national mean.
- **24%** of IA scholars scored proficient in combined ELA/Math vs. **14%** district-wide.

8. Maryland School Report Card

Principal Rice reported that Imagine Andrews maintained its **4-Star Rating** with a total score of **60.1%**.

Areas of Focus

- **Chronic Absenteeism**, especially among **economically disadvantaged students**, remains the largest factor impacting overall rating and TSI designation.
- The school is implementing:
 - Increased family communication
 - Attendance incentives



- Structured monitoring
- Stricter approvals for extended absences
- Goal: Increase attendance and raise overall report card metrics into mid-/high-4-star range.

9. Character Development

- Photos and updates were shared showcasing student engagement in academics, reading, and hallway responsibility.
- **Toiletry Drive** (Anchor for Life + SGA) is in progress; donations accepted through Friday.

10. Economic Sustainability

Bakke Family Legacy Library Ribbon Cutting

- Over **\$40,000** in diverse, high-quality books donated.
- Classroom libraries installed across all grade levels.
- Designed to support literacy, independent reading, and family engagement.

American Legion Donations

- High-quality student **headphones**
 - **Lanyards** for student MBA passes
- These donations reduce school spending and support classroom instruction.

11. Upcoming Events

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Nov. 25	Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony
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Date	Event
Nov. 26–28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 3	Wit & Wisdom ELA Night
Dec. 10	Rise Up Event
Dec. 18	Early Dismissal & Start of Winter Break

12. Questions & Discussion

School Liaison – Ms. Matrice Brooks

Questions addressed:

1. Open House Attendance

- December Open House is open to both military and non-military families.
- Ms. Brooks may attend, but attendance is not required.

2. Special Education Open House

- The open house itself is new; the special education team structure is unchanged.
- IEPS are reviewed and supported at the school level.

3. Enrollment Clarification

- Military families may still enroll after September 30 under the current MOU (through January).
- Leadership is working to restore full-year enrollment access.

13. Closing Remarks



Mr. Toler acknowledged the strong collaboration with the base leadership and reiterated the importance of retaining military scholars within Prince George’s County—preferably at Imagine Andrews.

Board Chair (acting) thanked all presenters, staff, and attendees.