



Imagine Andrews Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM (Virtual)

Meeting Type: Academic Committee

Location: Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Jim. EstEEP**, Board Chair Imagine Andrews.

2. Academic Report – Dr. Travis Miller

Overview:

Dr. Miller opened with an overview of Imagine Schools' 2025–2026 theme, *“Building Excellence through Shared Values and Character Education.”*

School Recognition:

- Imagine Andrews is ranked **#15 among Maryland charter schools** (out of 48).
- The school achieved a **4-star rating** last year with a score of **62%**.
- The 2025 school report card is expected to be released after Thanksgiving.

MCAP Results:

- Imagine Andrews **outperformed both Prince George’s County and the State of Maryland** in **math and reading**.
- Over **50% of students scored proficient or advanced in MCAP reading**.
- In math, Imagine Andrews exceeded both the region and county averages.

Fall STAR Assessments:

- **Math:** 38% of students entered at benchmark or advanced levels.
- **Reading:** 49% of students entered at or above grade level.
- Both results indicate that fewer students require intervention and more are ready for enrichment.



Instructional Focus:

- The instructional goal this year is to **shift from intervention to enrichment** for students already meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations.
- Dr. Miller emphasized the need to strengthen student engagement, allowing students to lead more in-class discussions and demonstrate mastery.
- Coaching cycles and professional development are being used to help teachers transition from lecture-based instruction to facilitation-based learning.

School Enrichment Plan (SEP):

- The school **met** its reading goal of a 5% increase in MCAP proficiency.
- Math proficiency increased by **4%** (just below the 5% target).
- The focus for the current year is a **minimum Student Growth Percentile (SGP) of 50** for all students, with an increased emphasis on engagement and enrichment.

Regional Focus:

- Continuing to build teacher capacity and strengthen the Imagine curriculum.
- Supporting all schools in achieving *National School of Character* status.
- Reinforcing the initiative for all staff and stakeholders to “**See, Feel, and Live the Shared Values.**”

3. Finance Report – Mr. Nate Evans

Financial Overview (as of September 30, 2025):

- **Projected Enrollment:** 395 students.
- **Per-Pupil Revenue:** \$11,724 per student (reduced from \$14,124 the previous year).
- **Total Revenue:** Approximately **\$4.7 million**.
- **Expenses:** Projected at **\$6 million**, resulting in a **budget deficit of \$1.3–\$1.4 million**.

Key Factors Impacting the Deficit:



- Decrease in per-pupil revenue due to the Maryland **Blueprint Plan**.
- Increased costs in salaries and benefits without corresponding funding increases.
- End of **ESSER funds** that previously supported operational costs.

Balance Sheet:

- School maintains a **debt service reserve** of approximately **\$588,000** for bond obligations.
- Discussions are underway with Prince George's County to reassess the fairness of funding levels and the percentage withheld from charter schools.

Next Steps:

- A revised budget will be developed once confirmed enrollment is received.
- Imagine National will provide **temporary financial support for essential expenses** while longer-term funding adjustments are negotiated.
- Continued collaboration with PG County and other charter schools to advocate for **commensurate funding** and more equitable resource allocation.

4. Facilities and Enrollment – Mr. Howard Rice

- **Current Enrollment:** 404 students as of September 30, 2025.
- **Capacity:** Up to **475 students**, potentially near **500** if needed.
- Increasing enrollment is being explored as a possible strategy to offset reduced funding.

5. Regional Updates – Mr. Lance Pace

- **MOU Update:** The Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County regarding **military family enrollment** has been finalized and is now active. Official documentation with Superintendent Joseph's signature is forthcoming.



- **Donations:** Imagine Andrews received a **\$45,000 classroom library donation** from the **Baki family**, celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month.
- **Facilities Project:** Work continues with the base to begin construction on the new **sports court**.

6. Board Discussion

- Mr. Estep requested a **one-page financial summary** highlighting key challenges and advocacy points to share with community partners and elected officials.
- Mr. Penn inquired about potential outcomes if increased funding is not approved; Mr. Evans noted that Imagine National would support essential expenses temporarily, though the model remains unsustainable long-term.
- Discussion emphasized the need for advocacy and collaboration to ensure fair per-pupil funding for charter schools impacted by the Blueprint legislation.

7. Adjournment

With no further questions or business, **Mr. Estep** adjourned the meeting at **approximately 5:45 PM**.