

**Discovery Charter School
1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Called to Order at 5:35 p.m.

B. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Vikki Viramontes-Castorena, Morgan Appel and Terry McKearney
- b. Members Absent: Erin Richison
- c. Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Sara Roa

C. Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation by 5th grade Students

Pledge of allegiance was led by 5th grade student Siarah Hirsch-Garcia. Fifth grade students Myah Dunlap, Siarah Hirsch-Garcia, Nikolas Liang, Nathan Lindquist and Giselle Montgomery presented their experience and what they learned in the STEAM based curriculum field trips to Biztown, Silver Strand beach clean-up, and Hydro Station.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Appel Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the September 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Viramontes-Castorena Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

IV. Public Comment

A. Items on the Agenda: There were no Public Comments for Items on the Agenda.

B. Items not on the Agenda:

- Mrs. Hazel Pingol informed the Board how much she loves Discovery Charter School, teachers, STEAM program and the passion behind the Dual Immersion program and how the school is evolving. Mrs. Pingol shared she would like to gather a list of interest parents in the Dual Immersion program for the coming school year.
- Fourth grade Dual Immersion teacher Ms. Kobatake shared her students and Mrs. Lopez's have a pen pal exchange with students in Altacomulco, Mexico. The purpose is for students to learn and exchange information about their community

and culture. During Science rotation students learned how to dissect a cow's eye ball which was a great learning experience for them.

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

V. Adjourn to Closed Session – Principal's office

President Rochelle Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 5:58pm.

A. DCTU Negotiations

Agency Designated Representatives: Neil MacGaffey, Principal

Employee Organization: DCTU

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

VI. Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium President Rochelle Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 6:28pm.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Carroll reported there is nothing to report and no action was taken.

VII. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey reported the APEX fundraiser is currently going on campus.
- He shared Discovery's latest attendance report was received and the school continue to be #1 in the district.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported in previous years the school's chronic absence was 3.5% and currently went down to 0.9%.
- This month is Black History month and he thanked Ms. Youngblood and Mrs. Baeza for coordinating and helping DCS teachers and students create Black History month boards to display through out the school. Also thanked Ms. Valency for playing music from African American composers and musicians.
- DCS is administering the mandated ELPAC test to English Learning students.
- DCS LCAP writing team meets on Thursdays for about three hours. Principal and Business Manager attend ongoing LCAP trainings at the county office.
- Thanked Board member Dr. Appel for inviting Mr. MacGaffey, Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza and teacher Luz Baeza to a theory and the practice of Dual Immersion at UCSD this Summer.
- Principal shared a power point presentation of DCS middle school current and new programs for the 2020-21 school year.

VIII. California Spanish Assessment (CSA) Report

Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza presented an extended data report on the California Spanish Assessment.

IX. California Science Test (CAST) Report

Resource teacher Jaime Peterson presented an extended data report on the California Science Test.

X. Approve Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Approve Travel to 2020 Early Years Conference

Dates: March 6th-7th, 2020

Location: San Diego, CA

Funding Source: Discovery Preschool

Rationale: This conference will offer educational development strands for Integrating STEAM into the early childhood education setting.

Cost: Registration \$265.00 per participant. Two Discovery preschool permit teachers will attend. Total registration costs \$530.00, not to exceed.

B. Approve change to the DCS Preschool Permit Teachers current Daily Salary Rate to match the current Daily Salary Rate of CVESD Permit Teachers

Rationale: The Discovery Charter Board desires Discovery Preschool Permit teachers be paid at the same daily rate as CVESD Permit Teachers. This change is one-time only in 2019-20.

Effective Date: July 1st, 2019

Estimated Cost: \$12,600.00, including associated increase to benefits

Funding Source: DCS Preschool

C. Approve one additional day on Independent Contractor Agreement with Ro Health, Inc. for Certified Registered Nurse (CRN) Services

Dates: February 20th, 2020

Location: Discovery Charter School

Funding Source: Charter General Fund

Rationale: Two days of services from Ro Health, Inc. were already approved, and services were provided, to conduct scheduled hearing tests for Special Education assessments, and for students in PreK, Kinder, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades. Due to the large number of students in the five grade levels, an additional day is needed to complete testing for the 2019-20 school year.

Cost: \$63.94 per hour, six hours per day, for one additional day. Total expected cost is \$383.64, not to exceed \$450.00.

Motion: *McKearney* Second: *Appel* Vote: *MSCU*

XI. Final Board Approval/Ratification of 2019-2020 Agreement for Negotiations between DCS and DCTU. Motion passes for a final Board approval Ratification of 2019-2020 Agreement for Negotiations between DCS and DCTU.

Motion: *Appel* Second: *Viramontes* Vote: *MSCU*

XII. Align Salary Increase for Discovery Charter Classified Staff and Associate Principal Effective July 1, 2019. Motion passes to approve increasing classified staff and Associate Principal salary by 2% like certificated staff and increasing the Associate Principal salary as well to align with District Associate Principal pay scale effective July 1, 2019

Motion: *McKearney* Second: *Appel* Vote: *MSCU*

XIII. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Spanish Educational Consultant Lupita Avenado

Location: Discovery STEAM Charter School

Dates: February 7th, 2020

Funding Source: Title III-EL

Description of Services: Full day collaboration with Dual Immersion staff to analyze and vertically align the Common Core state standards in Spanish and English; analyze and compare best practices including GLAD in Spanish; coach teachers on identification of text/genre in English and Spanish.

Cost: \$660.00 for full day collaboration and coaching

Motion: *Viramontes* Second: *Appel* Vote: *MSCU*

XIV. Board Communication

- Dr. Appel thanked everyone for another wonderful and inspiring meeting. He is very excited to pioneer a Dual Immersion professional development with Discovery teachers and administration. Appreciated 5th grade students for their presentation.
- Ms. Viramontes thanked 5th grade students and their enthusiasm about the field trips presentation and what they learned.
- Mr. McKearney congratulated both DCTU negotiating team and administration to come into an agreement before the district. He values the educators very much and feels the good vibe with the staff when walking around campus. Wishes the school can pay teachers more but is happy how negotiations went this year. He is also glad a 2% increase was also approved for classified staff and Associate Principal. He is also looking forward to this year's Seussical show.
- Ms. Carroll thanked everyone for the reports and the hard work of the negotiating teams. She also applauds everyone for the focus and growth of the STEAM program and continuing to build and grow of the Dual Immersion program and helping students become biliterate. We see the need of the school's community.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Motion: *Viramontes-Castorena* Second: *Appel* Vote: *MSCU*

The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be in the Discovery Auditorium on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board