

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Vikki Viramontes-Castorena, Morgan Appel and Terry McKearney
- b. Members Absent: None
- c. Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Sara Roa

C. Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation by 3rd grade Students

Pledge of allegiance was led by 3rd grade student Lynette Tenwolde. Third grade students Ryan Lindquist, Catherine Mercado, Lynette Tenwolde and Gavin Thorne made a presentation on “Take a glimpse in the life of a third grader” where they gave a sample of how they use programs like Achieve, Third Read and Sanford Harmony materials.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

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

Motion: Richison Second: Viramontes-Castorena 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:

- Preschool parent Christen Gonzalez shared the importance of the preschool program and how families rely on this program. She is thankful for the preschool and asked how we can keep this program alive.
- Preschool parent Griselda Cortez shared how her son has improved with the programs. She appreciates how the preschool teachers are so well prepared each day for their students and the positive influence in her son.
- Mr. John Cothorn asked how the decision was made and what parents can do to keep the program.

- Mrs. Hazel Pingol shared how comfortable and thankful her family is to attend Discovery Charter School and feel lucky and blessed. As a preschool parent she thanked the school and the preschool teachers for being the best and set the students up for success.
- Ms. Carpenter-Robinson spoke on behalf of DCTU and thanked administration for a wonderful year and negotiations. She also invited the Board to attend the annual speech contest coming up January 31 and February 3.
- Ms. Dyson shared what first grade in Dual Immersion program is currently teaching and is appreciative of being a bilingual person and thanked administration for supporting the program.
- Former Associate Principal announced he accepted a position as the Principal at Allen Elementary School. He thanked the staff and feels honored to have had the opportunity to serve at Discovery Charter School.

V. Principal’s Report

- Mr. MacGaffey announced that Discovery staff nominated Evelyn Barrientos, Claudia Hernandez, Iris Chamberlain and Christina Mosey to compete for teacher of the year. DCS staff voted for Christina Mosey to represent DCS. She will later compete with other District and county teachers. Congratulations Ms. Mosey!
- Mr. MacGaffey and Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza congratulated Mr. Greenwell. Mr. MacGaffey shared Mr. Greenwell is ready and capable to be the new Principal at Allen School.

VI. First Interim Budget Report/Discovery Charter & Discovery Preschool

Principal Mr. MacGaffey and Business Manager Cecilia Williamson presented 2019-20 1st Interim Budget Report for DCS and DCS Preschool.

VII. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Ro Health, Inc. for Certified Registered Nurse (CRN) Services

(Action)

Dates: January 14th-15th, 2020

Location: Discovery Charter School

Funding Source: Charter General Fund

Rationale: To conduct scheduled hearing tests for Special Education assessments, and for students in PreK, Kinder, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades. It is required that student hearing tests at school be conducted by a Certified Registered Nurse (CRN) with certification in Audiometry.

Cost: \$63.94 per hour, six hours per day for two days. Total expected cost is \$767.28, not to exceed \$900.00.

Motion: Viramontes-Castorena Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

VIII. Board decision whether to continue DCS Preschool program beyond 2019-2020 school year.

(Action)

Discontinuing the DCS Preschool program in 2020-2021, ending at the end of 2019-2020 school year.

Motion: Richison Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

IX. Board Communication

- Dr. Appel shared is not easy to make the decision of closing the preschool program and is aware of the wonderful teachers Discovery Preschool has. Dr. Appel congratulated Mr. Greenwell for his new assignment.
- Ms. Richison shared was difficult to make the decision to discontinue the preschool program. She recognizes Discovery for participating in the teacher of the year contest and bringing it back. Ms. Richison congratulated Mr. Greenwell for becoming the new Principal at Allen School.
- Ms. Viramontes congratulated Mr. Greenwell and thanked him for always having smile for students and parents.
- Mr. McKearney congratulated Mr. Greenwell for his new assignment and Ms. Mosey for being selected as Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Carroll shared they do not take the decision of closing the preschool program lightly. The Board appreciates, values and supports the entire community and everything the program has done for students over the years. She thanked Ms. Mosey for impacting the life of her daughter and is sure Ms. Mosey will very well represent the staff and students. She also congratulated Mr. Greenwell and wished him well in his new assignment.

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

- X. Adjourn to Closed Session** – Principal’s office
 President Rochelle Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 7:25pm.

A. DCTU Negotiations

Agency Designated Representatives: Neil MacGaffey, Principal

Employee Organization: DCTU

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

- XI. Reconvene to Open Session** – Discovery Charter School Auditorium President Rochelle Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 8:25pm.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Appel

Second: Richison

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