

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Called to Order at 5:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Appel Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the June 6th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and June 21st, 2019 Special Board Meeting

*Motion: Viramontes Second: Richison Vote: MSC
McKearney
abstained, not
present 6-21-19*

IV. Public Comment

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

B. Items not on the Agenda: There were no Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda.

V. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey thanked the Board and community for their support.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported preparation for the new school year is going well thanks to an amazing staff here. He is meeting with different teams members to gather information to make the necessary changes for betterment of the school.

- Mr. MacGaffey presented a new bulletin as a way of communicating with the Board and staff members on a weekly basis initially and then later every two weeks. In the bulletin he will include an academic summary of procedures, programs, schedules with a focus on social emotional core values the first quarter.
- High attendance is a priority of the school for Mr. MacGaffey and he will keep everybody informed of the rank of the school within the district.
- Mr. MacGaffey and staff will introduce and promote the 5 Core Values among students on a daily basis.
- Mr. MacGaffey would like to start “Love the lounge” within staff to bring healthy snacks to the lounge twice or three times per week to share with staff.
- Mr. MacGaffey will propose that students other than Student Council have the opportunity to participate in the morning announcements.
- Mr. MacGaffey informed the Board of new hires for 2019-20 school year; Permit Teacher Carolina Parra, Tech Support Brenda Silahua, Robotics and Coding Teacher Amy Markham. Discovery has the following open unfilled positions; PE Teacher, Music Teacher, and Science Lab instructional assistant. Also if needed, we will hire for the tech/computer rotation and Kindergarten instructional assistant.
- Mr. MacGaffey proposed after meeting with teachers’ union, office staff, leadership groups and other staff members to modify the daily schedule to allow a more consistent schedule Monday through Friday, more time with Fine Arts rotation, students get to school on time and also reduce traffic flow. In conjunction with the district, Discovery students will first have play recess time, then lunch recess to promote students eating better and reduce food waste (based on CNS statistics).
- A major focus quarter one will be Social Emotional well being of the students. Discovery will be partnering with Sanford Harmony/Fidelity and the PBS Committee to implement a multi-tiered system to achieve a silver ranking for Discovery.
- Mr. MacGaffey addressed the importance of our middle school program and will institute changes so students feel more like middle schoolers. One way of doing this will be by having a different schedule than K-6, they will have PE every day, and will have a separate lunch from 6th grade. By the end of the year they will have 2 electives to choose for their curriculum.
- This school year Discovery staff will focus on Teamwork and Mutual Respect.

VI. Approve Element H – Admission Requirements of DCS Charter

Motion: McKearney

Second: Viramontes

Vote: MSCU1.

A motion was made to approve Element H – Admission Requirements of DCS Charter, amended as follows:

1. Change “Children of staff members at DCS” to “Children of currently full-time employed staff members.”

2. Remove “Contingent on attendance and discipline as defined in the parent contract generated for Zone Transfers” for both Intra-District Transfer and Inter-District Transfer students.
3. Add “If an opening becomes available at any time during the school year, the lottery system will take place to fill the open space within 30 school days.

Motion: Appel

Second: Richison

Vote: MSCU

VII. Provisional Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Down Right Dramatic LLC; DBA Drama Kids International

Cost: \$30,000. Not to exceed.

Funding Source: 100% Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Location: Discovery Charter School

Rationale: Discovery is actively looking to hire a certificated teacher for the Fine Arts rotation that was filled in 2018-19 by independent contractor Down Right Dramatic, LLC’s Drama Kids program. Board approval is requested to renew the Drama Kids program, only in the event it is not possible to fill this rotation with a qualified, certificated candidate before the 2019-20 school year begins. Drama Kids provides a developmental drama program aligned with the concepts of STEAM education, with curriculum focused on developing students’ public speaking, critical thinking, social skills, and confidence. Services, if renewed, would be provided during the 2019-20 weekly Fine Arts/Teacher Collaboration rotation schedule.

Motion: Appel

Second: McKearney

Vote: MSCU

VIII. Provisional Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Malashock Dance

Cost: \$33,000. Not to exceed.

Funding Source: 100% Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Location: Discovery Charter School

Rationale: Discovery is actively looking to hire a certificated teacher for the Fine Arts rotation that was filled in 2018-19 by independent contractor Malashock Dance. Board approval is requested to renew the Malashock Dance program, only in the event it is not possible to fill this rotation with a qualified, certificated candidate before the 2019-20 school year begins. Malashock Dance provides dance instruction that is integrated through the arts and aligned to Common Core standards. Services, if renewed, would be provided during the 2019-20 weekly Fine Arts/Teacher Collaboration rotation schedule.

Motion: Viramontes

Second: Appel

Vote: MSCU

IX. Approve Professional Legal Services in 2019-20 from Young, Minney, & Corr, LLP

Cost: \$30,000. on blanket purchase order to pay for legal services as they are received during the 2019-20 school year. Services not to exceed \$30,000.

Funding Source: Charter General Fund

Location: Discovery Charter School

Rationale: Young, Minney, and Corr, LLP to provide legal counsel on matters related to Discovery being a California charter school, including but not limited to compliance issues, labor negotiations, etc. during the 2019-20 school year.

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MSCU

X. Board Communications

Ms. Viramontes thanked Mr. MacGaffey for the new tool to communicate with the Board and the focus, really likes the idea of recess first, then lunch.

Ms. Richison thanked Mr. MacGaffey for the organization and look forward to the communication.

Mr. McKearney shared that living a new age when it comes to computers, data analytics, data science and all the new terms, he addressed the importance of fluency, literacy in coding and that is very important to have this in our curriculum.

Dr. Apel share he is excited about this new era for Discovery, likes what he is seeing, the enthusiasm, and an exuberance and look forward to the year to come.

Ms. Carroll thanked for the preparation and putting information together and looks forward to the communication and the opportunity to stay connected to wonderful happenings at Discovery and welcomed Mr. MacGaffey back to DCS.

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

XI. Adjourn to Closed Session – Lounge

President Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 6:57 p.m. for the purpose of:

A. Discovery Charter Preschool

Agency Designated Representatives: Neil MacGaffey

Employee Organization: Discovery Charter Preschool

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

XII. Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium

President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Carroll reported there was nothing to report, and no action was taken.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: McKearney

Second: Richison

Vote: MSCU

The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be in the Discovery Auditorium on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board