

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Morgan Appel, Terry McKearney and Vikki Viramontes-Castorena

Members Absent:

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Sara Roa

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Rochelle Carroll

D. Presentation of “Distance Learning” at Discovery by DCS teachers

II. Approve Agenda as amended to change Item #VI - LCAP and COVID-19 Report to an Action Item

Motion: Richison Second: Viramontes-Castorena Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from May 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Appel Second: Viramontes-Castorena Vote: MCSU

IV. Public Comment: Persons wishing to address the Board of Directors on any item on the agenda or non-agenda items should do so during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No action or discussion shall be undertaken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes.

A. Items on the Agenda - None

B. Items not on the Agenda:

- Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza thanked and celebrated DCS teachers and families for completing a very successful Distance Learning. He acknowledged everyone’s acceptance and completion of the call of service. He congratulated middle

school teachers, Maria Harris, Mckayla Carpenter, Cristina Swartchick and Xochitl Munoz for their award as an honorary 2019-2020 *No Place for Hate* by the Anti-Defamation League of San Diego.

- Parent Perla Bonilla thanked teachers and encourage DCS Board to embrace and reinvent the DCS community as a whole to lead the way for parent involvement. She also encouraged the community to find more ways to communicate with each other and receive feedback from DCS parents. She would also like DCS to meet families where they are and not where they expect them to be.
- Middle school teacher Ms. Carpenter shared that the DCTU will re-open Article 6 for Negotiations during the 2020-21 school year.
- Fourth grade teacher Ms. Kate Crawford reported to the DCS Board a detailed overview of her experience with Distance Learning and how it was successful for her and her students.

V. Principal's Report.

- Mr. MacGaffey thanked Resource Teacher Jaime Peterson and Music Teacher Christa Valency for organizing and doing an excellent job in preparing for a virtual STEAM Night in partnership with DCS Board member Dr. Appel and UCSD. He also thanked Librarian Chona Fouch for putting together a virtual Multicultural Night.
- He reported that due to COVID-19 DCS was not able to hold DCS Board Elections. He is working closely with DCS Board members and the DCS advisor to work on the next steps.
- Distance Learning was definitely an area to learn and find new ways to teach and use when we go back to the normal setting. DCS is more prepared and ready to implement if another quarantine happens. If DCS starts the new school year with Distance Learning, DCS will hold a virtual curriculum night to educate parents about the program and possibly online assessment.
- Staff meetings were held every Monday and they were a good opportunity to have all staff attend, which was not previously possible. DCS will continue with all staff meetings to continue to bring the whole community together.
- DCS also learned of the importance and need to invest in technology for students and staff to keep good communication during Distance Learning.
- DCS is also proud of a six year plan that we have in place to be fiscally sound.
- Our next step is to plan the expansion of DCS middle school for next school year due to high demand. We are adding a Spanish rotation for 2020-21 school year.
- DCS is planning with SDCOE and CVESD Language Acquisition Department and partnering with UCSD for a dual language certificate program this Summer and to offer more training for DI teachers.
- DCS Fine Arts is very strong due to the hiring of certificated teachers for Art, Music and Science Lab/Robotics and P.E. We were also able to offer an afterschool GATE program for DCS students.
- DCS administration will work on improving communication with DCS Community and staff.

VI. LCAP and COVID-19 Written Report

Motion: Appel Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

VII. “Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School’s Initial proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2020-2021 school year with the Discovery Charter School Teachers Association.”

Motion: Richison Second: Viramontes-Castorena Vote: MSCU

VIII. “Public Hearing: Discovery Charter School Teachers Association’s Initial Proposal for re-opening negotiations for the 2020-2021 school year with Discovery Charter School”

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

IX. Approval of 2020-21 DCS Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Motion: Viramontes-Castorena Second: Appel Vote: MCSU

X. Board Communication

- Mr. McKearney expressed the importance of the job for Mandated Reporters and to be on the alert specially now during this difficult time. He thanked admin and 4th grade teacher Ms. Crawford for providing a detailed report on Distance Learning. He also thanked DCS for putting together a nice and creative drive by graduation for 6th and 8th grade students.
- Ms. Richison thanked Mr. MacGaffey for his vulnerability and empathy and would like to see the school to reach out students in different ways. He thanked DCS for putting together a video to show the results of Distance Learning.
- Ms. Viramontes thanked everyone for their mindfulness and dedication which reflects how we want to move forward as a community to make an impact on students. Many great things are happening at DCS.
- Dr. Appel thanked Mr. MacGaffey for his honesty and frankness during these times. It is important that students feel educators care for them. DCS made significant strides to help students become more resilient, more caring and is very much appreciated.
- Ms. Carroll thanked Mr. MacGaffey for his honesty and taking the time to reflect and look ahead. Would like to challenge everyone to be solution oriented and not only what we can’t do or don’t like but more of what we can do and be better at and what we and the people that we serve, need. DCS Board strongly supports DCS administration and staff. Thanked staff and community for working hard to always make Discovery a special place. We are not defined by the difficulties that come before us but how we respond to them to become better and stronger.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm

Motion: Richison Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board