

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures.

A. Called to Order at 5:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Ms. Rochelle Carroll.

II. Approve Agenda.

Motion: Richison Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the April 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

IV. Adjourn to Closed Session – Virtual meeting.

President Rochelle Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 5:04pm.

A. Personnel Matter

Principal Neil MacGaffey

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

V. Reconvene to Open Session – Virtual meeting.

President Rochelle Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 5:36pm.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

VI. Public Comment.

A. Items on the Agenda: None.

B. Items not on the Agenda:

- Kindergarten DI teacher Luz Baeza expressed her support of the expansion of the Dual Immersion program and is grateful that the expansion is happening during this administration.
- Second grade DI teacher Yocelin Sotomayor thanked current administration for the most amazing year of the last 5 years she worked at Discovery. The DI team is thankful for the opportunity to attend the CABE Conference. The conference will not only advance learning and strengthening the program but also help with looking forward for next steps. The DI team was able to offer a Spanish Club, parent meetings, and formed a BAC (Bilingual Advisory Committee) for parents and staff. The team will continue to have the annual Discovery Multicultural Night for all DCS students.
- Sixth grade DI teachers thanked the Board and administration for the professional growth opportunities offered to them. This included visiting other DI schools like CVLCC which was helpful in gaining ideas to improve our DI program. They thanked the Board and administration for their support to DI and EO programs at DCS.
- Fourth grade DI teacher Aremi Lopez is excited about the expansion of the Dual Immersion program for more families to benefit at DCS. She also thanked the current administration and the Board for their continued support to offer resources for the program.
- Fifth grade DI teacher Claudia Hernandez's excited for the support of the expansion of the DI program to offer our student to be bilingual and biliterate supporting the three pillars of dual language. She also thanked the administration and the Board for their continued support for students to benefit.
- Resource teacher Jaime Peterson shared that DCS is moving forward with a virtual STEAM Night and Multicultural Fair thanks to Dr. Appel's STEAM channel and the help and support of our staff.

VII. Principal's Report.

- Mr. MacGaffey shared CVESD created a brain trust to help open schools in a safe way.
- Distance Learning is going really well for our students although some families are going through difficult times. DCS teachers continue to constantly contact families. Fifty-five laptops were distributed to families in need and some schools supplies needed in the primary grades.
- DCS is planning a virtual promotion for 6th and 8th grade students in a safe and special way they deserve.
- We started using Imagine Learning for the primary DI classes through June 30 because there is the need of more support and potentially next year.
- DCS will start returning personal belongings to students in a safe manner the last week of May.
- DCS is closely monitoring the guidance and directives from the governor and the budget proposal.

- DCS preschool program is coming to an end and the staff is also preparing to return students belongings and the accounting department preparing refunds for families.
- Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza and Mr. McGaffey celebrated teacher appreciation week by delivering a pastry to their homes for each of them in appreciation for their constant hard work.
- DCS will present a revised LCAP to the Board at the next meeting in June.

VIII. Expansion of the Dual Immersion Program.

Mr. MacGaffey presented an extended explanation of the expansion of the Dual Immersion Program at DCS.

IX. YMCA P.E. Program Report.

Mr. MacGaffey presented the possibility of a P.E YMCA program offered to Discovery for the 2020-21 school year.

X. Approve New Part Time Middle School Spanish Teacher/Dual Immersion Resource Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year at Current District Salary Level.

Motion: McKearney Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

XI. Approve promotion of Brenda Silahua Osuna from Computer Support Technician I to Computer Support Technician II, Step 3 effective July 1, 2020.

Motion: Appel Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

IX. Board Communication

- **Dr. Appel** appreciates the faculty and Mr. MacGaffey for their hard work in having many meetings to prepare for Distance Learning. He is very excited to host DCS STEAM Night on UCTV STEAM channel that will reach between 1 million and 1.5 million people to really showcase the great work of the faculty, students and parents. He always eager to continue to tell the Discovery story.
- **Mr. McKearney** appreciates the teachers comments during open communication. He asked admin how absenteeism is going with Distance Learning. Recommended DCS to prepare and to capture the lessons learned in case its needed in the future.
- **Ms. Carroll** received many feedback from students, parents and teachers about new Distance Learning and DCS is collaborating with the county and CVESD to make this program better. Asked admin to get feedback from teachers of what have worked and what we've learned for this so when we go to the next face we are better prepared. Thanked everyone for their hard work and support.
- **E. Richison** appreciates the frequent messages so that students feel connected and using Teams is making a difference. Appreciates the level of creativity of everyone to keep the students to keep engaged and stay connected.

XII. Adjournment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board