

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

**Board of Directors**  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 14, 2019  
5:30 p.m.  
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

**MINUTES**

**I. Opening Procedures**

**A. Called to Order** at 5:33 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Vikki Viramontes, Terry McKearney, Erin Richison and Morgan Appel (arrived at 5:40pm)
- b. Members Absent:
- c. Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Sara Roa

**C. Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

Sixth grade students Lily Graton, Isabella Pavageau, and Mason Markham shared that 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp was an amazing experience because of what they learned socially, how they developed as individuals, and how their curriculum aligns with 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards.

**D. Robotics team members** Lilly Graton, Mason Markham, Isabel Arguelles, Ethan Elmido, Isabella Pavageau, Aubrey Carson, Cameron Barthuly, and Christian Hill thanked Discovery School for supporting the Robotics program and for allowing them to participate in their first competition in which they won the Judges Award. DCS Board members commended the Robotics team for what they learned and accomplished in their first competition.

**II. Approve Agenda**

*Motion: Richison*

*Second: Viramontes*

*Vote: MSCU*

**III. Approve Minutes from the November 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

*Motion: Viramontes*

*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:**

- Ms. Sotomayor shared that Dual Immersion students for the first time presented their science and engineering projects in Spanish. She also shared the Bilingual Advisory Committee had their first meeting where parents learned how to support our students to make the Dual Immersion program better. Ms. Sotomayor also

shared that Discovery Charter School hosted the first district “Convivio” where Dual Immersion teachers from all over the district had the opportunity to meet, share, network, and learn from one another. Dual Immersion teachers also had the opportunity to visit classrooms where they received good feedback.

#### **V. Principal’s Report**

- Mr. MacGaffey shared visuals of recent events at Discovery and how we continue to see our students use our core values daily.
- He shared how the first district “Convivio” event was very well attended.
- He also had the opportunity to visit students at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and enjoyed seeing students enjoying their time at camp.
- Our safety drills are very important to our school and we recently had a fire drill where students and staff evacuated in 4 minutes and 2 seconds. We also practiced a lock down drill where we learned we needed to correct a couple of areas.
- Red Ribbon week went really well thanks to Student Council and Ms. Thielemann.
- PTC organized another wonderful Fall Carnival thanks to an amazing PTC Committee.
- Discovery had many professional staff meetings, school meetings and grade level meetings, ‘Coffee with the Principal’ events where parents share their thoughts and ideas, and Bilingual Advisory Committee meetings.
- BASH assembly was liked by the students where they learned what bullying is and how through conflict and find peaceful solutions.
- Discovery Dual Immersion program is also very important to our school. This year we are looking at the data. Achievement data, enrollment, and attendance data is being analyzed and we are trying to improve the process of enrollment in to the program. He also shared that students who enter the program, stay in the program, attendance is also much higher on average and also in achievement.
- Discovery School was notified by Risk Management at the District Office the school is potentially violating a few education codes and regulations by selling smoothies and competing with the cafeteria food. Another potential violation is the food is being prepared by non-staff members. Smoothies cannot be sold during school hours.
- Discovery leadership team attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort meeting at the District.

#### **VI. Technology Hardware Report**

Last year Discovery completed its three year technology plan. This year the school will begin a new technology plan that is in the process of being created for presentation to the Board. Discovery currently has a great technology support staff member who is taking inventory and analysis of the hardware on our campus to be prepared for the upcoming CAASPP testing.

#### **VII. Approve Purchase of 100 Lenovo Student Computers, not to Exceed \$51,000.**

(Action)

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: Viramontes*

*Vote: MSCU*

## VIII. Approve Travel to San Diego No Place for Hate Leadership Conference (Action)

**Dates:** October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Location:** San Diego

**Funding Source:** LCAP

**Rationale:** A Discovery leadership team comprised of one administrator, two middle school teachers, and six middle school students acquired leadership skills to create sustainable change that leads to improved school climate using the Anti-Defamation League anti-bias and anti-bullying resources. The team also learned ways to increase the power of positive peer influence to build an inclusive and safe school where all students can thrive.

**Cost:** Registration \$22 per adult participant, \$66 subtotal. Registration \$12.75 per student participant, subtotal \$76.50. Total registration costs \$142.50

*Motion: Appel*

*Second: McKearney*

*Vote: MSCU*

## IX. Board Communication

- Dr. Appel expressed how impressed he is with the schools' Robotics team and how well they communicate what they are doing. He also commented on their ability to engage in a variety of different areas with the curriculum.
- Mr. McKearney congratulated the adults who supports and educate the Robotics teams.
- Mrs. Viramontes is very impressed of how articulate the Robotics team is and how well they explained their project.
- Mrs. Richison thanked Mr. MacGaffey for having classroom and teachers reports, pictures of students in classrooms and teachers collaborating in his Principal's report. She appreciated not only hearing about the amazing activities that happen at the school but also why they are here learning. She thanked the staff and teachers who put their everything into educating our students and Mr. MacGaffey for bringing the core values to Discovery.
- Mrs. Carroll commended the Robotics team for their presentation and the competition award. She also thanked Mr. Espinoza for hosting a great "Convivio" event tonight. She is proud to have many people from around the District come see the amazing things that happen at our school and how impressed they were of the things they saw in classrooms. Thank you PTC for putting together a great Fall Carnival and she is very thankful for all the blessings we have in this community.

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

**X. Adjourn to Closed Session** – Principal’s office

President Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 6:43pm for the purpose of:

**A. DCTU Negotiations**

**Agency Designated Representatives:** Neil MacGaffey, Principal

**Employee Organization:** Discovery Charter Teachers Union

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

**XII. Reconvene to Open Session** – Discovery Charter School Auditorium President Carroll reconvene to Open Session at 7:58pm

**A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Carroll reported no action was taken. Mr. McKearney understands the value of what was decided about smoothie sales

**XII. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

*Motion: Viramontes*

*Second: Appel*

*Vote: MSCU*

**The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be in the Discovery Auditorium on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

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Rochelle Carroll, Board President

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Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board