

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2019
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, Dr. Appel, Vikki Viramontes, Terry McKearney and Dr. Richison
- b. Members Absent: Sara Roa
- c. Others Present: Neil MacGaffey

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2nd grade student Angel Solorio led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Presentation

Presentation by 2nd grade students Angel Solorio, Kylie Fox, Madison Quach, Matthias Galido and Jaslyne Salinas.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: McKearney Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the August 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

*Motion: Appel Second: Viramontes Vote: MSC – Richison
abstained, not present 8-15-19*

IV. Public Comment

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

B. Items not on the Agenda: Ms. Barrientos shared Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza and Dual Immersion Kinder teacher Luz Baeza were selected to be the school representatives for the Bilingual District Leadership Committee. Board members will be presented with a data report to show the strong outcomes Dual Immersion students produced in the CAASPP testing. Ms. Barrientos also invited Board members to visit the Dual Immersion classes.

Mrs. Poukkula expressed her concern regarding 5th grade teachers having students use classroom money when needed to attend the restroom. She is also concerned students don't have enough time to eat or attend restroom during

lunch recess and before going back to class. Students should be not be charged or penalized to use the bathroom after lunch recess. Another concern is that teachers are collectively punishing students because of a few students talking during class. Mrs. Poukkula also disagree with the school taking away recess time collectively from students. California code of education says you cannot take student recess away from them. Students should be held accountable individually and not collectively. Students need their recess time to decompress from the classroom or teacher. She suggested to implement an after-school detention program instead.

V. DCTU Negotiations Sunshine Proposal

DCTU teacher rep, McKayla Carpenter sunshined the following Articles DCTU will be opening with in the 2019-20 negotiations with DCS:

- Article 6 Class Size and combo classes
- Article 7 Employment Status
- Article 9 Certificated Evaluation Procedure
- Article 15 Compensation

VI. DCS Negotiations Sunshine Proposal

Principal Mr. MacGaffey sunshined the following Articles DCS will be opening with in the 2019-20 negotiations with DCTU:

- Article 8 Professional Work Day/Work Year
- Article 12 Assignment and Reassignment

VII. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey reported our GATE program has taken off successfully with a Robotics Club that entails a 6th-8th grade Robotics competition team and Odyssey of the Mind clubs for different grade levels.
- Our first Discovery School newspaper will be published next week with a 21st century style.
- We have a new 8th grade teacher Ms. Xochitl Munoz who replaced Ms. Stroebel.
- Our first ELAC Meeting of the year was very successful with 30 parents in attendance.
- Our SSC Committee also had their first meeting and school is planning to have one of the DAC Representatives or a teacher representative attend and give a report to DCS Board.
- September 12 - 19 Discovery started having Teacher/Parent Conferences and the goal is to meet with every parent to go over some initial data but mainly to focus on the child's strengths.
- Our attendance data is looking very good, as of September 9th we were at 98% since the start of the school year and we are 2nd in the district and are very proud of that.

VIII. Data Report

Mr. MacGaffey presented DCS Board an update on the Physical Fitness test that 5th, 7th and 8th grade take every year. He also presented a Data report on CAASPP, Local Measures and Beginning of the year Level Set. Mr. MacGaffey presented that English Learners in the Dual Immersion program made a significant improvement, something to think about and investigate further what are those good things happening and to replicate and expand schoolwide.

IX. PIQE Program

Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza made a presentation of PIQE program. PIQE’s program engage, empower, and transform parents to actively engage in their children’s education and strengthen parent-school collaboration in order to improve the academic success of students.

X. Approve PIQE Program to Create Stronger Parent Involvement at Discovery Charter School (Action)

Location: Discovery Charter School

Dates: Various dates during 2019-2020 school year

Funding Source: Multi-Fund, LCAP and Title IV

Rationale: PIQE will partner with Discovery to create stronger parent involvement with our ELAC, SSC, Dual Immersion Advisory group, and other initiatives relating to social-emotional and academic initiatives.

Cost: Not to exceed \$8,000

Motion: Appel Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

XI. Approve Contract with Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for Staff and Student Training (Action)

Location: Discovery STEAM Charter School

Dates: Multiple dates in 2019-20 school year

Funding Source: Title IV

Description of Services: ADL’s “A World of Difference” trainings will provide a rubric guided framework for the development of necessary knowledge and skills to support students and staff with system level efforts to create respectful, inclusive school culture and community as part of the No Place for Hate initiative.

Cost: \$5,000, not to exceed.

Motion: Viramontes Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

I. XII. Approve Travel to Project GLAD Professional Learning (Action)

Location: South County Regional Education Center, National City

Dates: September 25th-26th, 2019

Location: King Chavez Primary Academy, San Diego

Dates: October 22nd-25th, 2019

Funding Source: Multi-fund, LCAP and Title II

Rationale: This is professional development for Discovery teachers who have not been previously trained in Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD.) GLAD is an instructional model that accelerates language acquisition and academic literacy in a culturally sensitive, language

functional environment to meet the needs of diverse learners, especially English learners, and target language learners in dual immersion.

Cost: Registration for both segments of training is \$1,025 per participant, with up to five Discovery teachers participating. Total registration cost \$5,125, not to exceed.

Motion: Viramontes Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

IX. Approve Overnight Study Trip for 7th-8th Grade Students to San Diego Safari Park on October 10-11, 2019 (Action)

Motion: Viramontes Second: McKearney Vote: MSCU

X. Board Communication

Ms. Viramontes thanked the 2nd graders for their presentation, creativity and amazing quality work.

Mr. McKearney attended the first Coffee with the Principal which was very well attended and exceeded his expectations. Parents had a lot of questions and Mr. MacGaffey had the right answers for them. It was good to see the parent involvement.

Dr. Apel expressed the Dual Immersion program seems to be the golden thread and wonderful institution tapestry and real point of pride. He is also excited to see PIQE on board to enhance the good work and create positive social around Discovery School.

Ms. Carroll expressed first quarter is almost over and said parent conferences are going smoothly and hope teachers will have the opportunity to meet with each parent to share where their children are, not only with data, but also what their strengths are. Would like to invite parents and staff to attend the Parent Academy coming soon. She is impressed Discovery has the most parents registered to attend so far.

Ms. Richison enjoyed the 2nd grade presentation. Students are the reason why we are here and want to keep that focus of what is happening in the classrooms. Questioned why we are proposing more programs and what DCS is trying to solve with the GLAD and PIQE programs. Ms. Richison would like to see the impact these programs will have and how we are allocating our dollars.

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

XI. Adjourn to Closed Session – Principal’s office

President Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 7:10 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 7:50 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 8:25 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, October 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board