

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Morgan Appel, Terry McKearney

Members Absent: Vikki Castorena

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Rochelle Carroll

II. Approve Agenda as amended to cancel item #XI – Closed Session

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from August 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and August 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting

*Motion: McKearney Second: Appel Vote: MCSU - Richison abstained,
not present 8-20-20*

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: None

V. Principal's Report.

- Mr. MacGaffey thanked the Board members, staff and parents for attending the meeting. He reported Discovery is off to a good start with 99% high attendance rate, great

participation from students and sees teachers reinvigorated every day. There have been issues with software and the internet due to the amount of people and number of schools doing Distance Learning and the Teams platform not working as it should because of a Microsoft issue. He thanked parents and students for their patience when issues are out of our control.

- Mr. MacGaffey appreciates the communication he had with parents and their wealth of suggestions, questions, concerns and comments. He had two very well attended Coffee with Principal meetings and it has been humbling with all the gratitude parents have for Discovery staff. He also shared the comment from a new family to the neighborhood of how impressed they are with the school's organization, communication, and engagement, and most especially with the quality of teaching instruction and devoted team. He also shared that DCS will be offering in-house parent trainings with school district's support.
- Mr. MacGaffey thanked parents, staff and community for all their efforts in making a great start to the school year, together as a team we can move forward.
- Both the Principal and Board President introduced and welcomed Mr. Mora, Director of Human Resources to Discovery's community as the new District liaison and support to Discovery and all CVESD charter schools.

VI. DCS Technology Report

Principal Mr. MacGaffey presented an updated report on the three year DCS technology plan and how it has been modified due to COVID-19. He shared that 362 devices and 46 hotspots have been distributed and DCS waiting to receive iPads that were ordered for Kinder and 1st grade students. He shared that classified support staff were retrained to support and help parents with questions and fixing devices for day-to-day issues.

VII. Science Pilot Report

Resource teacher Jaime Peterson presented an extended updated report on the DCS science program and how Discovery teachers continue to create integrated Science units using NGSS standards. The DCS Science Committee is composed of science/ELA teachers, English only, Dual Immersion and resource teachers in grades 3rd thru 8th.

VIII. Report on District learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Principal Neil MacGaffey and Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza presented a detailed DCS 2020-2021 Continuity plan to DCS Board, staff, and community. The plan is available for parents and community review and is posted on the DCS website.

IX. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Parent Karla Poukkula asked if teachers would be getting instructional aides, especially for the younger classes to support teachers as they already falling behind. She also commented on the school computers not being good, that there are issues and asked that these needs be handled. She also asked what kind of support ELL students are receiving with those specific funds.

X. Board Communication

- Dr. Appel thank everyone for their attendance. There is evidence of the amount of work that is being done even during the pandemic and keeps the attention on the students. He is thrilled to see DCS moving ahead with delivery speed. Kudos to all!
- Ms. Richison thanked everyone and shared her experience as a parent on Discover Discovery Day. Her experience was that DCS created magical moments that last a lifetime for children. She commended DCS for creating those magical moments for all students and that they experienced magic that day! She also thanked admin for going above and beyond since DCS had already had their first open house. This speak volumes to the leadership in their planning and engagement.
- Mr. McKearney shared that he visited DCS during Discover Discovery Day and it was an amazing event, especially the enthusiasm of the staff. It comes from good leadership and good organization. The energy and enthusiasm in the way the teachers presented was infectious! He also expressed the importance of students and parents being digitally literate during these times so they don't fall behind.
- Ms. Carroll thanked Mr. MacGaffey and Mr. Espinoza, staff, community and students for all that's being done, it takes a village and DCS certainly worked hard to get things where they need to be. There have been times when we make mistakes because we not perfect but that is when we'll have to teach that resilience and perseverance for both adults and the children we serve. She also thanked parents for their feedback, concerns and as well as their gratitude. Ms. Carroll thanked Administration for working together with the DCS leadership team and staff to make things better during these challenging times. Ms. Carroll asked teachers if they could share some of the great things that are happening in virtual classrooms.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm

Motion: Appel Second: Castorena Vote: MSCU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Sara Roa, Secretary to the Board