

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

Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2021
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, Morgan Appel, Vikki Castorena, and Terry McKearney

Members Absent: Erin Richison

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Erika Alamo and MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno.

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by student Mason Markham.

II. Approve Agenda as Amended to Change Item V Funding Source to Discovery Charter Gift Account.

Motion: Appel Second: McKearney Vote: MCSU

III. 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

IV. Principal's Report.

- Mr. MacGaffey thanked and recognized DCS custodial team Sandra Espinoza, Brian Mattison and Chava Gonzalez for doing a fantastic job working harder with all the extra disinfecting and extra cleaning they do every day to keep our campus safe.
- DCS is very appreciative of Ms. Rosie Ulloa for assisting and working with RtI students in safe manner outside and enjoying the beautiful weather.

- He congratulated nurse Anabel Gonzalez for doing a fantastic job and the way she handles students with symptoms and sudden situations.
- DCS had a positive case on campus in one of the cohorts which the cohort was placed in quarantine and doing Distance Learning for two weeks.
- Teachers will be having a vertical team where they will discuss reading options in terms of programs like Smarty Ants and IReady as well as science curriculum and mystery science in fourth quarter.

V. Approve Overnight Out-of-State Travel for Staff and Students to the 2021 Odyssey of the Mind World Championship.

Location: Orlando, Florida

Dates: June 7th - June 12th, 2021

Funding Source: Friends of Discovery Charter Account

Rationale: Odyssey of the Mind World Championship.

Participants: Discovery Teachers and Odyssey of the Mind Coaches, Amy Markham and Alicia Donovan, plus all six student members of the 7th grade Odyssey of the Mind championship Team, total eight participants.

Estimated Cost: Round-trip airfare \$4,000; five nights lodging \$3,750; six days meals \$2,400; two airport shuttle trips \$400. Total estimated cost: \$10,550 not to exceed \$11,000 for eight participants, or approximately \$1,320 to \$1,375 per participant.

Motion: McKearney Second: Castorena Vote: MSCU
Pending final evaluation of a safe trip before students and staff depart.

VI. Board Communication

- Mrs. Castorena thanked Ms. Donovan and Markham for escorting students to this once in a lifetime opportunity, although her major concern is the safety of the students. She asked that everyone take every single precaution and to be safe during the trip.
- Mr. McKearney congratulated everyone on making it this far and once in a life time opportunity knowing the possibility of canceling if it not safe when it's time to leave for the trip.
- Dr. Appel shared this was not an easy decision to make because it comes from a place of concern. He understands and knows students are incredibly deserving of the honor. He has complete faith and confidence students will come back as champions.
- Mrs. Carroll shares how much DCS Board cares and wants the best for Discovery students and wished them well. She recommended DCS having all waivers signed by parents, students and staff before making the trip reservation as well as asking parents and staff to read waivers very carefully to understand what they are signing.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm

Motion: Appel Second: Castorena Vote: MSCU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board