

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

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2021
5:30pm
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Vikki Castorena

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, and Associate Principal Erika Alamo

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dual Immersion student Ramon Bonilla

D. Presentation of Dual Immersion Program by Resource Teacher Delia Diaz-Ornelas. She shared what primary and upper grade Dual Immersion students are learning and instructional focus of the program.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Richison

Second: McKearney

Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from October 14, 2021, and November 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Approval of the November 10, 2021 minutes was moved to approve in the January 13, 2021 meeting because of lack of quorum.

Motion: Appel

Second: Richison

Vote: MCSU

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. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda: None

B. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda:

1. Parent Perla Bonilla thanked DCS for the efforts of fundraising for 6th grade camp and the support of the school district for the precautions being taken for testing and vaccine to keep students safe and healthy in school.

2. Dual Immersion teacher Claudia Hernandez is thankful DCS having DI Resource teacher Delia Ornelas, with her experience the program has an opportunity to grow and expand. She is also excited of the students going to 6th gr. camp.

V. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey reported that Athlead is offering after school sports like girls' and boys' volleyball, basketball, and flag-football. We are proud to announce the girls' volleyball team won the championship last night and the flag-football team went as far as semi-finals. Soccer coaches Mrs. Mack And Mrs. Mosey are starting the soccer season and students are excited for try-outs.
- The Lego Robotics team under the amazing leadership from Miss Markham came back from the regional competition in Riverside with four teams in 5th and 6th grade. The green dragon bots were the highest scoring team in the area of robot game. The gold dragon bots were one of the ten finalists and won \$500. for best dragon design. The red dragon bots won the whole regional competition as reigning champions and will be going to state finals in December 11 and 12, 2021. They also earned a first-place medal for their innovation project and were nominated by the judges for a Global Innovation award. Congratulations, we are very proud of their effort and teamwork!
- The SDC pre-school program hosted at Discovery for many years was recently moved to Casillas Elementary due to low enrollment and a shortage of SCD pre-school teachers district wide.
- Seventh grade teacher Ms. Carpenter was recently on maternity leave and resigned due to moving out of state. Due to the three classes not being as large as usual, we are collapsing the three 7th grade classes to two starting in January, 2022.
- In November, Discovery's PTC put on a Read A Thon fundraiser and it was a terrific success! Ninety percent of the funds raised go back to the school and students. DCS received 75% (\$19,000.) and the students 15% of the profit. Thank you all for the support and donations, for PTC it's been the largest fundraiser amount ever! Part of the incentive to raise donations was for the class to raise the most funds, would throw water balloons to Mr. MacGaffey and for that Dyson's 1st grade class was the winner.
- Mr. MacGaffey was pleased to announce there were no Covid cases on campus for the month of November and that's a tribute to parents' and DCS safety precautions. DCS did have one positive Covid case in early December not from the K-8 grade program.
- CVESD received a solar panel grant that has been installing in different schools and DCS is scheduled to start in January through the end of third quarter. CVESD will be holding a town hall meeting on Monday, December 13 at 6:00pm to inform and answer questions to parents.
- Sixth grade students will be going to camp the week of Jan. 24 – 28 and it is required students are vaccinated or show a negative test within 24 or 72 hours depending on the test. The district will bring a team to our school the morning of to give a quick test to all of our sixth-grade students before the live for camp.
- Mr. MacGaffey presented an enrollment report showing an increase of enrollment this year with currently 941 students. DCS attendance rate improved in the 2019-2020 school year with 97% and first in the district. This school year attendance rate is low district wide due to COVID and DCS is trying to recuperate with independent study contracts. District wide attendance is 92% and Discovery is 95% being number two in the district.
- He shared the holiday Voices of Discovery video and presentation of the fine arts music department by Ms. Valency.

VI. Approve Discovery Charter Board Policies Manual

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

VII. Approve Educator Effectiveness Funding Grant

Motion: Richison Second: McKearney Vote: MCSU

VIII. Board Announcements

- Dr. Appel is looking forward to the year coming to a close after a rough year and a half. Things look bright ahead. There are very bright stars in this community of ours. Thank you to all the teachers, students, administrative staff, parents and members of the community who make Discovery what it is.
- Mr. McKearney wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy Hanukkah or whatever you celebrate during this time of the year. He wished Ms. Carpenter a farewell. She is a passionate advocate of her students and school, and a big support particularly in the STEAM area.
- Dr. Richison wished everyone happy holidays and a relaxing vacation. The magic of the school is our teachers and the hard work of the leaders and the creativeness to work outside of the box. She appreciates DCS following county and state guidelines to keep the students safe.
- Mrs. Carroll shares all that's been said and that it's the perfect time to reflect on our blessings and think about ways that we can make life better for people around us and provide that wrap around opportunity to support DCS community. She thanked DCS staff for their hard work, strong commitment and dedication.

IX. Adjournment: 7:08pm

Motion: Richison Second: Appel Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board