

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

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 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 and Vikki Castorena

Members Absent: Morgan Appel and Erin Richison

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Art Club student Madelyn Metti

D. Grant Presentation of North Island Credit Union to DCS Robotics Program by Senior School and Community Development Officer Nancy Bañuelos for \$500.00

C. Recognition of Art Club Students. Art teacher Alicia Donovan introduced students Carlos Solorzano, Madelyn Metti, Isabella Dorsey and Serena Kasem. They each shared the love for art and how they work on improving the different art skills.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: McKearney

Second: Castorena

Vote: MCSU

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

Approval of the October 14, 2021 minutes was moved to approve in the December 9, 2021 meeting because of lack of quorum.

Motion: McKearney

Second: Carroll

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: None

V. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey reported that in August DCS had a total of 15 positive COVID cases and 126 students were sent home due to having symptoms, but were not COVID related. Beginning in September, DCS implemented a more restrictive mask rule by having students wear masks at all times except when eating or drinking. We also reduced the number of students sitting at lunch tables from 12 to 6 which helped reduce the number of positive cases down to 6 in October.
- It was reported we are number two in the district for attendance rate. Two years ago, pre-Covid attendance rate was 97% and currently we are at 95% and that negatively impacts our ADA.
- The Charter Schools Cohort which consists of the five charter schools will do a presentation of the Fine Arts program to the CVESD Board.
- DCS had visit from two of the CVESD Board members in the last two weeks where they did a walkthrough to observe school operations and the wonderful things happening at Discovery.
- After school tutoring clubs' attendance is approximately 122 students receiving help on specific skills and needs in Language Arts and Math. Thank you to the teachers who offered to help and put in the extra time to help students in need.
- Fifteen DCS teachers will attend the two-day GLAD Training in January and we appreciate them taking their Saturdays to attend this important training.

VI. 2021-2022 DCS Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Associate Principal Erika Alamo presented the School Safety Plan for 2021-2022 school year where she as the coordinator explained to the Board the process and preparation of the plan and the staff and parent who helped with this plan.

VII. Public Hearing of Educator Effectiveness Grant

Mr. MacGaffey shared how the Educator Effectiveness grant was put together with education partners like classified, certificated staff, School Site Council, and parents. The grant is for \$151,340 which can be spent in a period of 5 years to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals and anyone at DCS that works with students.

VIII. Approve Project G.L.A.D Professional Development

Location: Chula Vista, CA

Dates: January 4th-7th, 2022

Rationale and Description of Services: Starting in April 2021 using Title II funds, and continuing in August 2021 through our Expanded Learning Opportunity Plan funding, twenty-eight Discovery K-8th teachers

completed the 2-Day GLAD Research & Theory training virtually, which is the first of two trainings required to complete the Tier I GLAD teacher certification. The second training, the 4-Day GLAD Demonstration & Planning is held in-person and by grade span and is being offered in January for eligible K-3rd grade teachers. There are fifteen K-3rd teachers from the twenty-eight mentioned above who are eligible to take the second training.

Approval of this agenda item will approve travel off-campus for up to the full number of fifteen eligible K-3rd teachers and will approve the use of Title II funds for their training registration and off-contract-day teacher professional development pay.

Total Cost: \$26,640, not to exceed \$27,000.

Funding Source: Title II

Motion: Mckearney

Second: Castorena

Vote: MCSU

IX. Board Communications

- Mr. McKearney wished a Happy Veterans Day to all the veterans and explained it is on the eleventh because the Armistice of World War I was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- Mrs. Castorena also wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day to enjoy and spend time with families.
- Mrs. Carroll thanked Mr. MacGaffey and Ms. Alamo for their presentations of the School Safety Plan and Educator Effectiveness Grant and their hard work in ensuring they heard from multiple educational partners and stakeholders because it is important that everybody feels heard and understood. It is important that students have a safe, inclusive school because it is one of the safest places for children. She thanked everyone for their hard work.
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X. Adjournment: 6:58 pm

Motion: McKearney Second: Castorena Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board