

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

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 2021
5:30pm
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:30pm

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Vikki Castorena

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Cross-Country Club student Mason Markham

D. Recognition of Cross-Country Club. P.E. teacher Paula Mack made a presentation of club members Mason Markham, Isabel Arguelles, Sophia, Frasso and Alex Murillo

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: McKearney Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from September 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Richison Second: McKearney 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 DCS had a great start to our second quarter compared to first quarter and the number of COVID cases we've had. Safety is our priority in making sure we focus on the students' social, emotional learning and their mental health.
- He presented an update of Goal 1 of the LCAP plan mainly looking at metrics for academics and seeing students' achievement. He shared Achieve 3000 and iReady Math data.
- DCS made some adjustments to our safety procedures by decreasing from 12 to 6 students to a table during lunch and middle school students 8 to a table having a positive effect on not having so many students getting as sick or transmitting illness.
- He also presented and explained the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals report which is the budget the school can count on affirmed by the state and ending with a larger reserve of 14.65% instead of 13% reserve.
- To meet the needs of each student equitably, teachers are intentionally planning daily small group instruction with targeted lessons that address essential learning gaps.
- He is pleased to announce DCS now has a calming room that MTSS Coordinator Melissa Moreno and Counselor Andrea Revilla set up and are using with our students as groups and individual students.
- The Athlead P.E. program is going well in conjunction with P.E. teacher Paula Mack, she is doing the after school Cross Country Club. The Athlead program is doing our after-school sports program offering volleyball, basketball, and flag football to approximately 60 students. They also added additional P.E. equipment to the kindergarten program and other grades on the blacktop.
- DCS drama production led by Mrs. Chamberlain is happening this year and currently having auditions.
- DCS partnered with the YMCA to offer our second-grade students swimming lessons at the YMCA pool.
- We started a Read-a-thon fundraiser promoting reading with our students and that so far has been very successful. The school will receive of the donations 75%.
- Week of October 25 is the start of Red Ribbon Week. We are partnering with many law enforcement and safety organizations who will present to our students in a safe and socially distance manner.

VI. ESSER III Expenditure Plan

Principal MacGaffey presented a report of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan to Board members and the community.

VII. Adopt ESSER III Expenditure Plan

Motion: Appel Second: McKearney Vote: MCSU

VIII. Presentation on DCS Middle School Mural

Middle school teacher Annette Meza made a presentation of the "No Place for Hate" middle school mural project which through the art will remind us of the ongoing education in cultivating empathy and social responsibility.

IX. Approve Contract with the Concrete and Canvas Organization for DCS Mural

Location: Discovery Charter Middle School Outdoor Wall

Dates: To be scheduled in 2021-22 school year

Funding Source: Discovery Gift Account

Rationale and Description of Services: In collaboration with the Discovery Middle School, a Concrete and Canvas artist will create an outdoor mural for the permanent display of the ceramic butterflies middle school students have created through the Anti-Defamation League's Butterfly Project. Each butterfly memorializes a child lost in the Holocaust and honors the survivors. Through the art represented in the mural and butterflies, and ongoing education in cultivating empathy and social responsibility, Discovery's commitment as a "No Place for Hate" campus will be communicated.

Cost: \$900

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MCSU

X. Board Communications

- Mr. McKearney thanked Mr. MacGaffey for the different reports he presented. He suggested the adoption of the RtI program permanently. He also noted education is more expensive than what we thought and asked if as a charter school we can get involved in talking to this issue of more funding for education.
- Dr. Richison appreciated the data information Mr. MacGaffey provided and said it was nice to hear teachers are coming together with data they are collecting in their classrooms. She appreciated the safety adjustments made for the students' health and safety.
- Dr. Appel is always excited to hear from the teachers and having the students engaged in this outdoor artistic pursuit. It is a wonderful way to build communities and get the kids together.
- Mrs. Carroll thanked Mr. MacGaffey for the information and data. That is how we continually look and reflect and see how this impacts our opportunities to grow. Obviously for our students it is important, especially having many different pieces. It is exciting to have the Cross-Country team and the art mural project in conjunction with the academics and making it through these challenging times. A pandemic brings a challenge every day, but from her perspective and in watching 46 schools in the community, Discovery knows how to do it and is really leading the pack in terms of how to continue to build community and take care of students, both socially emotionally and academically.

XI. Adjournment: 6:55 pm

Motion: Appel

Second: McKearney

Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, November 10, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board