

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

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

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by student Parker Wasyliw

D. Recognition of Safety Patrol Students Safety Patrol lead teachers Claudia Hernandez and Kate Wasyliw presented former and current safety patrol leaders Isabel Arguelles, Mikaela Manley, Mason Markham, Ryan Wasyliw, Ethan Endaya and Sophia Maldonado, Ethan Endaya, Camila Meza and Kayla Chamberlain. Students shared their Safety Patrol experiences with DCS Board.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Morgan Appel Second: Vikki Castorena Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from August 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Erin Richison Second: Morgan Appel 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 shared that he recently had “Coffee with Principal” and “School Site Council” meetings with parents.
- He welcomed new DCS counselor Andrea Revilla-Bojorquez who is a former Discovery dragon.
- CVESD changed COVID guidelines where students now have to wear masks outside during recess.
- DCS is going through a monumental task of handling Independent Study Contracts and conducting contact tracing. Due to this we are considering more restrictions for 2nd quarter with revising the lunch schedule to keep smaller groups, and smaller cohorts in classrooms/rotations.
- CVESD asked that all extracurricular school events be canceled, including PTC.
- DCS is considering hiring more clerical support and contact tracing personnel.

VI. Proposed Budget Report for 2021-2022

Principal Mr. MacGaffey presented to the Board and community the Proposed Budget Report for 2021-2022.

VII. Board Announcements

- Ms. Viramontes thanked everyone for everything DCS staff is doing and their forward thinking in regards to all matters every day. Us working together speaks volume for our community. Student population has increased because people know the school has the best climate and how students are treated fairly and with equity.
- Dr. Richison wished the staff to take the time and rejuvenate during the Fall break, spend time with family and the need to unplug, and take care of yourselves to come back stronger for the community.
- Mr. McKearney welcomed new Counselor Ms. Revilla to DCS. He expressed the importance of having counselors during these difficult times and is glad DCS decided to move forward with this position. He wished everyone a good Fall break.
- Dr. Appel expressed his gratitude to all who are navigating complexity and impossibility on a daily basis and encouraged everyone to take care of themselves during the Fall break. He appreciates the fiscal clarity that we see in the coming months and for bringing on a new counselor to support the cognitive and socio emotional needs of the students.
- Ms. Carroll appreciated everyone's hard work and encouraged everyone to take this time to enjoy and relax during the Fall break and re-energize for second quarter which will bring new challenges. She respects and appreciates the fact that once again, Discovery is stepping out ahead of the pack and looking at the best interest of the community and the students.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:48pm

Motion: Terry McKearney Second: Morgan Appel Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board