Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
5:30pm

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Morgan Appel, Sara Roa, Tara Zaragoza, Harry Sevel

Members Absent:

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leia Reynolds

D. Sprockids Presentation

- Mrs. Carmen Luna along with coach Tyler, gave a short presentation all about Sprockids. She talked about what Sprockids does and the impact that mountain biking has with students in our community. She also brought a few Discovery students with her, who talked about their experience participating in Sprockids' afterschool program at Discovery, and the difference it has made in their lives. Last year 40 kids went through the program and this year thanks to increased funding, 64 kids will be able to go through the program. The Board congratulated the students and coaches for their amazing work and presentation.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion: Appel *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

III. Approve Minutes from the July 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *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 –

- STEAM Teacher Mrs. Wasyliw, spoke about her experience taking over the STEAM and Robotics program. She feels fortunate to be given this opportunity. Mrs. Wasyliw expressed how happy she is accepting this position and mentioned that this is a transition period for her, leading her not to be able to hold an afterschool extracurricular activity as an undertaking at this time.
- Maritza Diaz, parent, spoke about her experience participating in Mrs. Markham's Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics teams. Mrs. Diaz is unhappy with the response she has gotten regarding the competition teams not continuing and is unsure why a Discovery teacher is needed to coach a Robotics team.
- Lucca Coronel, student, spoke to the Board about his experience participating in Robotics and what a positive impact the program has given him and would like for the Board to consider bringing back Robotics competition teams.
- Miriam Solis Coronel, parent, shared an email that she has previously sent to Admin. Mrs. Coronel expressed her disappointment in the discontinuation of the Robotics teams and reiterated the importance and impact that this program has given the students. She respectfully requested that Discovery look for other options for the Robotics teams and to keep this program alive.
- James Haug, parent, spoke about other online fundraising options for students and wanted to bring awareness to other fundraising options.
- Mr. MacGaffey briefly spoke and reiterated that he is in support of the Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind Competition teams and apologized if he ever gave any negative impression. He stated that if he mis-communicated in the Coffee with Admin meeting, he restated again, that he has not canceled the OOTM nor the Robotics Teams. Legally, Discovery will need a staff member to lead that endeavor. Discovery is looking for an experienced Teacher to take this on and is hoping to continue the competition teams.
- President Carroll, thanked Mrs. Wasyliw for speaking, understanding that it is hard to come in and do right for the students at Discovery and appreciates her taking this on. She hopes parents appreciate all that she is putting into the program and Discovery will continue the conversation about other options moving forward.

V. Executive Director's Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey highlighted our Fine Arts team. He mentioned each of their yearly goals for their program and spoke a little about what each of them do within the Fine Arts Program.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported Discovery has started the year off great and had a successful Discover Discovery Night. We had a great first spirit assembly and had great Curriculum Nights.
- Our 6th grade students have started going to the Sound Station on fieldtrips and our second graders have also started swim classes with the YMCA
- Discovery started our Math Professional Development with Ms. Denisse Finney. Today they had a walk through with Admin which gave them an opportunity to look at the class room environment. Discovery is looking at how to improve on the already great job teachers are doing and is excited about the sources Mrs. Finney could bring.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported that our 23-24 instructional focus has produced some great results within our data which will be reported next in our data report.
- He announced that we are excited to hopefully offer Integrated Math I soon to some of our 8th graders, which will give students high school Math credit.

VI. 2024 Data Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey, reported on the 2024 state testing data. He started by explaining the focus and emphasis on treating each student as an individual with an independent growth plan for each.
- He went through the 3-year CAASPP data for ELA, Math and Science. We dropped 5% in ELA and he confirmed this is an area that Discovery will focus on. Our Middle School continues to do very well overall. In math, we are maintaining where we are at but almost 40% are not meeting or exceeding. In science, Mr. MacGaffey reported a tremendous growth in both 5th and 8th grade.

VII. Approve Overnight Travel to Camp Cuyamaca Outdoor School (Action)

Location: Descanso California
Dates: December 2nd-6th, 2024
Participants: Sixth grade students and teachers
Funding Source: Student family payments, fundraisers and gift account.

Motion: Appel *Second: Zaragoza* *Vote: MCSU*

VIII. Approve 6th Grade Student Fundraising Request (Action)

Purpose of Fundraiser: To raise funds so students can help pay for their 6th Grade Camp field trip.
Description of Fundraising: Sell commercially prepared popcorn through Double Good Popcorn's online sales. Students can earn 50% of the proceeds.

Motion: Zaragoza *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

IX. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Zaragoza, asked for clarification regarding additional funding options from parent speaker, Mr. Haug. She appreciates that the math program for our Middle School students is being considered for Discovery and thinks it is amazing. She expressed that the data was phenomenal, however reiterated the importance of parents feeling supported and heard. She commended Mrs. Wasyliw for her amazing endeavors. She also feels that our Discovery community needs to put our heads together to continue these important programs.
- Mr. Sevel congratulated Sprockids and loves to see kids doing physical activity outside and loves the program. He thanked Mrs. Wasyliw and parents for their feedback.
- Mrs. Roa, reiterated Mr. Sevel's sentiments and is sure that we will work together to support all programs equally.
- Dr. Appel appreciates the passion for the Robotics team, and offered help if there is any help that the University can provide.
- President Carroll clarified the reasoning behind why parents could not hold un-supervised Robotics practice on site at Discovery without a staff member present. She emphasized that it is not because the club has never been supported. She mentioned that she understands that legally there are limitations to these matters and appreciates Mr. MacGaffey for looking into this further. She thanked everyone for a great start of the year and thanked everyone for their reports.

X. Adjournment (Action)

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm

Motion: Sevel *Second: Zaragoza* *Vote: MCSU*

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board