Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
5:30pm

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:41pm

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Harry Sevel, Sara Roa

Members Absent: Tara Zaragoza, Morgan Appel

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Oliver San Miguel, Emma Arambulo and Sophie De Arriba

D. Student Recognitions for State Testing

- Mr. MacGaffey recognized the students with the highest achievement score in the CAASPP state test in the subjects of ELA and Math.

E. Grade Level Presentation: 1st Grade

- Our first-grade students shared a presentation about their current unit of study, plant life. The students performed a poem in English and Spanish and shared their projects showcasing the plant life cycle and seed experimentation. Our Board members praised our students and teachers for their great presentation.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: MCSU*

III. **Approve Minutes from the August 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting** (Action)

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A. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda - None

B. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda – None

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

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- He shared that Discovery had a successful lunch on the lawn this past week for our 1st – 6th grade students. Parents reported they had a great experience.
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- Mr. MacGaffey also spotlighted Discovery's Kinder team. He shared the wonderful things they are doing for our kids and shared photos of the team.
- Discovery's attendance continues to be very strong.

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- Discovery is also continuing their collaboration with Denise Finney, and she has been walking around classrooms this Quarter supporting our teachers.
- Mrs. Alamo reported that teachers are also working on curriculum mapping during their collaboration and grade level planning.

VII. Board Policy Update Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared a summary of the most recent updates to our Board Policy. He highlighted and talked about the most significant ten items and policies that are being updated.

VIII. Approve Travel to 2024 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Conference (Action)

Location: Seattle, WA
Dates: December 4-7, 2024
Rationale: Professional development for speech, language, and hearing scientists and therapists in latest research, clinical skills, and techniques in communication sciences and disorders.
Total Cost: Conference registration, flight, lodging, and meals for one attendee estimated cost is $1,500, not to exceed.
Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

Motion: Sevel *Second: Roa* *Vote: MCSU*

IX. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Roa was happy to hear about the results for the ELPAC and is happy to see that we are continuing lunch on the lawn. She congratulated Discovery on our improving attendance.
- President Carroll thanked everyone for being here tonight and is looking forward to hearing about conferences. She wished everyone a restful Fall break.

X. Adjournment (Action)

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm

Motion: Roa *Second: Sevel* *Vote: MCSU*

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board