Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

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

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:30pm

B. Roll Call
Members Present: Rochelle Carrol, Tara Zaragoza, Harry Sevel, Sara Roa

Members Absent: Morgan Appel

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Brody Bell

D. Theatre Class Presentation

- Mrs. Chamberlain, with the help of 5 of her Theatre students, shared a presentation that showcased what each grade level has been working on this year in her Theatre Fine Arts class. They went through each grade level and showed snippets of their projects and productions. The Board commended the students as well as Mrs. Chamberlain for all their hard work and dedication to the students and this program.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

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

III. Approve Minutes from the November 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Zaragoza *Second: Sevel* *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. **Executive Director's Report** (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared some photos of our fine arts PE classes and praised what a fantastic job Mrs. Mack and Athlead are doing with the students; He also shared some projects that the Art classes has been working on as well as additional photos of our Theatre classes.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared photos of our 6th grade camp, taken by Mrs. Peterson, and talked a little about their experience. Mr. MacGaffey also shared photos of our Dragon Watch students, who help our younger students during lunch time.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about 3rd grades' recent fieldtrip to the Food bank and shared a little about their experience helping assembling food bags and giving back to our community.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about our quarterly DELAC meeting and how well it went.
- He showcased our 5th and 6th grade teams for the Board and spoke about each of the team members. He praised how well they work together and the fantastic job they do at Discovery.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that we will begin to pilot a new program called Beable. We have begun professional development for this with our teachers. Beable is a new program similar to Achieve, but better. This program appears to go beyond what Achieve does to match each student's reading interest, in hopes of encouraging them to become more engaged in their reading.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that Discovery has been given a Mental Health Grant, which we will be using for our student services and supports at Discovery.
- Discovery is in the process of remodeling some rooms. We appreciate the support the District has given as well as their expertise.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about his ongoing efforts to continue a closed campus, which ensures the safety to our students. Discovery is happy to help and share our experience with other CVESD schools that have asked for our guidance to follow this model.
- The Board praised Discovery and Mr. MacGaffey for showcasing all the wonderful things and opportunities that Discovery has to offer.

VI. Instructional Focus Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared how lucky he feels to work with the staff at Discovery. He shared a little about our Instructional Leadership Team and their goals. He shared the focus for ILT this year, teacher clarity, and what teachers worked on throughout Quarter 1 and 2, to achieve this focus. He also shared how teams measured their data and what supports, and feedback were implemented throughout to help teachers with this endeavor.

FULL BOARD TO CLOSED SESSION

VII. Closed Session – President Carroll recessed to closed session at 6:20pm for the purpose of:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Agency Designated Representatives: **James E. Young, Legal**
Neil MacGaffey, Executive Director

FULL BOARD TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium, President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 7:32pm.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
President Carroll reported there is nothing to report, and no action was taken.

VIII. Approve Revised Salary Schedule for Discovery Charter Principal, effective July 1, 2024 (Action)

- Pursuant to the attached salary schedule presented to the Board for approval.

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

IX. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Carroll thanked everyone for being here and wished everyone a great holiday and wonderful new year.

X. Adjournment (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

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

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board