Discovery Charter School

1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:30pm

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:32pm

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

Members Absent: Sara Roa

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Olivia Velazco

D. Grade Level Presentation: 6th Grade

- 6th Grade students presented to the Board and spoke about their experiences this year at 6th grade camp. The students attended Camp Cuyamaca and spoke about the various lessons and activities they participated in and what they learned from the experience. The Board congratulated the students and asked questions about their unique experiences.

E. Cal Coast Educator Grant Presentation

- Mrs. Palacio was presented with the Innovative Classroom Project award from Cal Coast Credit Union. Mrs. Palacio implemented a system in her class called the "Thinking Classroom", tackling in depth math problems in a unique way using white boards. This has helped her students engage using this innovative technique. The Board congratulated Mrs. Palacio for her award and her innovative new strategy.

II. Approve Agenda (Action)

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

III. Approve Minutes from the December 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Sevel *Second: Zaragoza* *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 – Jaime Peterson, Resource Teacher, on behalf of Discovery teachers, thanked Mrs. Carroll for everything she has done for Discovery in light of her recent retirement from the district. She thanked her for her endless support and dedication. Mrs. Carroll thanked the staff and reiterated her commitment to Discovery. She is looking forward to this new chapter in her life.

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

- Mr. MacGaffey congratulated Mrs. Carroll for her retirement and thanked her for her support and for all she has done for Discovery.
- Mrs. Alamo also thanked Mrs. Carroll for everything she has done for our school and our community. She thanked her for her guidance and support throughout her own career.
- Mr. MacGaffey extended the invitation to the Board to come help judge the speech contest and to also join us to watch Lion King Jr.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that we had a great Coffee with Admin this morning and that the presentation and notes are posted on our website.
- Mr. MacGaffey highlighted our amazing Middle School team. He spoke about what each of them teach and reiterated what a fantastic job they do with our students. He also highlighted our Special Ed team here at Discovery and spoke about what each of them teach and support. He expressed that this team is the most reliable team that he has worked with at Discovery and is pleased with their amazing work.
- Mr. MacGaffey spoke about the beginning of our 3rd quarter, and shared about our beginning of the quarter assembly, led Mrs. Salo, who always does a wonderful job. The assembly recognized various students that have participated in recent sports and other activities and had fun games that our staff participated in.

- Mr. MacGaffey also shared about our recent visit from channel 8 News Meteorologist, Karlene Chavis. Our Kinder students participated in a weather segment on the evening news and got to make their own tornados with Mrs. Chavis.

VI. Approve Consent Calendar (Action)

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Amend Independent Contract Agreement for Finney Educational Consultant for Additional Professional Development Services in 2024-2025.
Services: Adding additional days of grade level math professional development for the 2024-2025 school year.
Total Cost: Not to exceed $5,000
Funding Source: Educator Effectiveness Funds Grant

B. Approve evening field trip via District transportation to the San Diego Civic Theatre on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, to see the Broadway San Diego production of "Wicked."

C. Approve Discovery Drama Club's Fundraising Request

Purpose of Fundraiser: To raise funds for Discovery Drama Club production needs.
Description of Fundraiser: Drama Club will sell tickets to their upcoming production of Lion King Jr. as well as t-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags and/or mugs. Audience members will also have the option of contributing an extra donation to their ticket purchase.

D. Approve Increase of Substitute Noon Duty Pay Rate from $16.00 per hour to $16.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2025.

E. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with the Anti-Defamation League for onsite No Place for Hate Committee Workshop for middle school student leaders to lead peers in effectively dealing with bias, discrimination, and bullying.

Date: January 31, 2025
Cost: $1,500
Funding Source: Learning Recovery Block Grant

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

VII. LCAP mid-year Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey reported on the mid-year LCAP report. He shared the California Dashboard results which represent last year's testing data. He was very proud of Discovery's overall performance.
- Mr. MacGaffey went through numerous data and discussed the areas of decline that need improvement as well as the areas of growth throughout the grade levels, in Math, ELA and Science.
- He discussed our LCAP goals and metrics and reviewed the improvements and growth in comparison to the previous year. Mr. MacGaffey also discussed the current LCAP expenditures, and the various interventions Discovery has implemented to meet the LCAP goals.

VIII. First Interim Budget Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared the first interim budget report for the Board. He summarized the unrestricted revenue and expenditures that made up the first interim budget from October 31, 2024.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that our total ending balance continues to be healthy, however we do need to improve our budget to help our deficit spending. He discussed various ways on how to possibly increase revenue that would help our budget.

IX. Board Announcements

- Mr. Sevel enjoyed the 6th grade presentation as well as the reports.
- Mrs. Zaragoza appreciated the LCAP reports and appreciated the focus on the social emotional aspects within the LCAP goals.
- Dr. Appel thanked the school for their flexibility in his schedule. He mentioned that Discovery's community outshines in comparison to other schools statewide. He is impressed with the results from the California Dashboard.
- Mrs. Carroll reiterated the sentiments and shared that we have so much to be proud of. She is hopeful and appreciates the good planning at Discovery. She thanked everyone for their appreciation and looks forward to continuing to work with everyone at Discovery.

X. Adjournment (Action)

- A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

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

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board