

Discovery Charter School

**1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022
5:30pm
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:33pm

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Terry McKearney, Tara Zaragoza, Sarah Pauter, Morgan Appel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Isabella Martinez

D. Presentation by Amy Markham and Robotics Team

- Robotics teacher, Mrs. Markham, spoke about her recent endeavors with her Robotics Competition teams. The competing Robotics teams which include, the Explore Team, Purple Dragon Bots, Green Dragon Bots and Gold Dragon Bots, all presented and provided a demonstration of their prize-winning creations.

II. Approve Agenda

(Action)

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from November 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

(Action)

Motion: McKearney

Second: Pauter

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

- Jessica Fawver spoke during public comment. She praised the Robotics teams for their great work and expressed her gratitude for the ability to fund the program. Mrs. Fawver mentioned the robots that are used for the teams are outdated and requests more funds to be allocated for the competition teams. Mrs. Fawver also pledged to match any donation the Board is willing to donate and gave a suggestion of \$5,000.

V. Principal’s Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared about our inflatable slide day and school attendance incentive. He also shared about our recent Descubrimiento and Fine Arts Awards ceremonies.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared about Discovery Choir’s Christmas Caroling event and shared images and video’s from our Read-a-Thon winner’s balloon throw at the Principal activity.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared that our ELAC Meeting was once again well attended and that he is proud of our EL’s.
- He also shared that our 6th graders are scheduled to go to camp next week and school assessments are continuing and going well.

VI. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with the Anti-Defamation League for “No Place for Hate Committee Training” (Action)

Services: On-site training for school committee of twenty 7th - 8th grade students representing the diversity and untapped peer leadership of the school, four teachers, and one administrator. A common language will be developed to discuss issues of bias and bullying on campus, increase understanding of the impact of bias, stereotypes, name-calling and bullying on campus, and assess attitudes and norms that contribute to it. Training will also include how to create and implement an action plan with measurable goals through a needs assessment.

Dates: January 19, 2023

Total Cost: \$3,000.

Funding Source: ELO: ESSER II – State Reserve Funds

Motion: Appel

Second: Zaragoza

Vote: MCSU

VII. Approve Travel to “39th Annual Southern California Kindergarten Conference”
(Action)

Location: Pasadena, CA

Dates: February 23rd – 25th, 2023

Rationale: Professional learning and collaboration for TK teachers on domains of early childhood development including social emotional, using best practice tools and strategies for all subject areas including music and art, and identifying and differentiating for struggling and at-risk students.

Total Cost: Registration, lodging, meals, and substitutes estimated total expenditure is \$1,981, not to exceed \$2,300.

Funding Source: Educator Effectiveness Funds Grant

Motion: Appel

Second: McKearney

Vote: MCSU

VIII. Approve Certificated Hourly Rates for After School Tutoring and Professional Development on Non-Contract Time
(Action)

Reason: For audit purposes, Payroll has requested documentation of Board approval of the hourly rates Discovery pays for the following Certificated employee activities:

- After School Tutoring: \$75.00 per hour
- Professional development on non-contract time: \$35.00 per hour

Effective Date: July 1st, 2022

Motion: McKearney

Second: Pauter

Vote: MCSU

IX. Approve Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan
(Action)

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MCSU

X. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Maxim Healthcare, Inc.
(Action)

Services: Elementary School Registered Nurse at \$58.00 per hour

Dates of Service: December 9th, 2022 through June 30th, 2023

Cost: \$45,000

Funding Source: Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant

Motion: Appel

Second: McKearney

Vote: MCSU

XI. Board Announcements

- Dr. Appel reiterated how excited he was regarding the Robotics program and is very impressed with the students.
- Mr. McKearney agrees and praises the Robotics parents for all of their support and wishes everyone a great holiday season.
- Mrs. Carroll thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a restful break and holiday.

XII. Closed Session - President Carroll recessed to closed session at 7:00pm in accordance with the following:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency Designated Representative: Neil MacGaffey

Employee Organization: DCTU

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium, President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 8:17pm.

• **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

President Carroll reported there is nothing to report, no action was taken

XIV. Adjournment

(Action)

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday January 12, 2023, at 5:30pm

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board