

**Discovery Charter School
1100 Camino Biscay
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
5:30pm
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:31pm

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Erin Richison, Terry McKearney, Vikki Castorena, and Morgan Appel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Principal Neil MacGaffey, Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza, Secretary Sara Roa

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza

D. Celebration of Discovery Students Choir

Principal Neil MacGaffey presented a video of the Discovery choir under the direction of music teacher Christa Valency performing the song "Peace, peace" for the holidays.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from December 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Castorena Second: Appel 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. Principal's Report

- Mr. MacGaffey welcomed new DCS staff members nurse Annabel Gonzalez and Multi-Tiered Systems Support (MTSS) Coordinator Melissa Moreno.
- He presented a video of the Multi-Tiered Systems Support program that is a fully integrated framework to support students' academic, behavioral, and social emotional learning.
- Mr. MacGaffey shared with the DCS Board that he continues to plan with the DCS leadership team to discuss the school's focus keep a focus. Leadership is currently reading "The Art of Coaching" by Elena Aguilar to help everyone grow and become better educators. Admin will also attend a conference where Elena Aguilar is the keynote speaker.
- He updated the DCS Board on the charter renewal process status. The charter renewal committee started meeting during Winter break and has already shared some revisions with the staff and ILT committee. DCS attorneys are also involved and working closely with the DCS charter renewal team regarding updated educational codes and their recommendations. DCS administration also shared this process with DCS parents to receive their input during Coffee with the Principal and ELAC and SSC Committee meetings. DCS will present the charter renewal document to the Board during the February meeting.

VI. Update on the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) program in middle school.

Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza, and middle school teachers Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Swartchick, Ms. Munoz, and Ms. Harris made a presentation of the current ADL program in the middle school.

VII. 2020-2021 School Safety Plan

Associate Principal Nestor Espinoza presented a revised and current School Safety Plan. He shared the process of updating the plan and the meetings he had with the staff and community members to update the School Safety Plan.

VIII. Approve new salary schedule and 204 days calendar for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Coordinator position under Discovery's management salary schedule (Action)

Motion: McKearney

Second: Appel

Vote: MCSU

IX. Board Communication

- Mr. McKearney appreciated the briefings the Board received, especially the ADL program DCS offers to middle school students during this time, as well as the School Safety Plan. Glad to know DCS also implements and addresses the social emotional aspect of the students. He hopes for a better new 2021 year!
- Dr. Richison appreciates the School Safety Plan presentation, especially due to the world we are living in today and despite the twenty-four thousand Covid-19 cases in the last week in San Diego County. She appreciated Associate Principal Mr. Espinoza for a sending a tweet to parents to let them know DCS would make space for students to talk in class about recent events in the country because it is not necessarily political. Students should be able

to talk about what is happening because they are confused of what they see and hear through social media. She also appreciates DCS having the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) program offered to middle school students and looking forward to seeing how that can transform the campus and open spaces to enable conversations with structure. She appreciates the incredible work and vision staff put together for the materials pick up before Winter break and Mr. MacGaffey congratulated the team for a great job done on the Winter materials distribution event for DCS students.

- Dr. Appel is going to give 2021 a second chance. One thing that he knows is that Discovery community is resilient, forward thinking and caring in a time when there is so much cause for hopelessness. He is also thankful for the student choir and appreciated the School Safety Plan and new staff presentations.
- Ms. Castorena is thankful the staff is doing their best to make sure students do not necessarily feel the ramifications of the crisis happening around us and she appreciates this tremendously.
- Ms. Carroll congratulated the team who put together the Winter materials distribution and handled the safety precautions. Let's keep DCS families in mind and send positive thoughts and keep an eye on all families that are struggling now. Happy New Year and, she is hopeful for a better year, whether it be distance learning or in the classroom, or both. We know the Discovery community will step up for our children.

X. Adjournment: 7:00pm

Motion: Appel Second: Richison Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Secretary to the Board