

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Vikki Viramontes, Terry McKearney, Dr. Erin Richison, Dr. Morgan Appel via teleconference from 2334 Fenton Parkway #112 San Diego, CA 92108 (949) 981-0120
- b. Members Absent: None
- c. Others Present: Sandy Du-Song, John Greenwell, Néstor Espinoza, Sara Roa, Cecilia Williamson

C. Pledge of Allegiance by Dual Immersion Students

D. Recognition and Presentation by 4th-8th Grade Speech Winners

Cash Piscini, Leo Herrera, Keyla Parra, Milo Wood, and Morgan Murphy were recognized for their winning speeches at the 2018-19 District Speech contest. Keyla Parra has been selected to give her winning speech at the Chula Vista TEDx event May 25th, 2019.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Viramontes Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the January 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Richison Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

Approve Minutes from the February 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: McKearney Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

IV. Public Comment

A. Items on the Agenda: There were no Public Comments for Items on the Agenda.

B. Items not on the Agenda: There were no Public Comments for Items on the Agenda.

V. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Du-Song reported on the following:
 - Discovery participated in the Read Across America celebration the week of February 25th, with a “Dress As Your Favorite Book Character” spirit assembly Friday, March 1st.
 - The week of February 18th, Discovery participated in the APEX Fun Run activities and fundraising event. Discovery students raised \$51,000, which was \$14,000 more than last year. Discovery keeps 55% of the proceeds.
 - All six First Grade classrooms experienced various forms of transportation on their field trip to Coronado as passengers on the bus, the trolley, and the ferry.
 - All four Fourth Grade classrooms expanded their classroom studies of California Missions with a train trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano.
 - Mrs. Du-Song also congratulated and recognized the District Speech Contest winners.
 - The PTC Annual Family Dance was held Friday, March 8th. The theme was “1950s Sock Hop.” Mrs. Du-Song thanked the PTC organizers for all of the commitment and hard work that made this such a great event for families to come together.
 - Mrs. Du-Song also shared the Discovery Garden Club members have reported their crops of tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables are ready to be harvested over the next month.

VI. Dual Immersion Program Update

Mr. Néstor Espinoza presented a brief historical overview of instruction in languages other than English in California. He then gave information on the state's new “Global California 2030” initiative. This initiative's mission is to equip students with world language skills to succeed in the global economy and to fully engage with the diverse mixture of cultures and languages found in California and throughout the world. Next, Mr. Espinoza updated the Board on the status of Discovery's Dual Immersion (DI) program and planning, noting that it is quite unique due to being part of a STEAM program. Mrs. Claudia Hernandez and Mrs. Luz Baeza also presented on the progress of Discovery's DI program. Plans to further support DI students' progress toward becoming bilingual, biliterate, and socially/culturally competent include an after school Project Based Learning Club in 2019-20 to support oral language development. Mr. Espinoza shared that the Discovery Dual Immersion teachers have been selected to pilot the state's California Spanish Assessment (CSA.) The Discovery DI teachers will be sponsoring a Multi-Cultural Fair on May 3rd, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VII. Preschool Update / Budget Report

Mrs. Du-Song presented a historical overview of Discovery Charter Preschool from its opening in 2000-01 to present. Mrs. Williamson presented the current preschool budget report.

VIII. Discovery Charter School’s Low-Performing Students Block Grant Plan for the Period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Mrs. Du-Song presented Discovery’s plan for the Low-Performing Students Block Grant funds it has received.

IX. Adopt Discovery Charter School’s Low-Performing Students Block Grant Plan for the Period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Motion: McKearney Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

X. Approve travel to “NGSS 5th Annual Leadership Conference”

Location: Liberty Station Conference Center, San Diego, CA

Dates: March 8th, 2019

Funding Source: LCAP

Rationale: This conference is for district/LEA leadership to focus on successes and overcoming challenges in improving science learning for students. This year will focus on topics and strategies to promote student equity through the nature of science and three-dimensional teaching and learning.

Cost: Registration cost is \$150.00 for one administrator. Not to exceed \$150.00.

Motion: McKearney Second: Viramontes Vote: MSCU

XI. Board Communications

Dr. Richison again recognized the achievement of the District Speech Competition winners. She thanked Mrs. Du-Song for her update on the APEX Fun Run fundraiser proceeds and the various ways the funds are used to support students. Dr. Richison thanked the Mr. Espinoza and the DI teachers for their report on the DI program, saying she “chose Discovery for her children because of the Dual Immersion program.”

Mrs. Viramontes thanked everyone in attendance at the Board meeting. She thanked Mr. Espinoza for the DI presentation and his leadership in the program.

Mr. McKearney commended the Dual Immersion team for their presentation and work developing the program. Mr. McKearney mentioned the need to “take another look at the Preschool.” He expressed appreciation for the detailed reports that were given.

Dr. Appel congratulated the winners of the District Speech Contest, saying they “far exceeded expectations.” He thanked everyone for their reports.

Mrs. Carroll expressed her condolences to the Arnold family. She shared her appreciation for the reports that were given. Mrs. Carroll wished everyone “a great spring break.”

FULL BOARD CLOSED SESSION

XII. Recess to Closed Session – Principal’s Office

President Carroll recessed to Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of:

A. Existing Ligation

Name of Case:

**Discovery Charter Teachers Union/CTA vs. Discovery Charter School
Unfair Practice Charge No. LA-CE-6353-E**

B. Discovery Charter Preschool

Agency Designated Representatives: Sandy Du-Song

Employee Organization: Discovery Charter Preschool

C. Personnel Matter

FULL BOARD OPEN SESSION

Reconvene to Open Session – Discovery Charter School Auditorium

President Carroll reconvened to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

A. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Carroll reported that the job title for Mr. Néstor Espizona has been changed from Dean of Students to Associate Principal.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Motion: Viramontes

Second: McKearney

Vote: MSCU

The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be in the Discovery Auditorium on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Cecilia Williamson, Secretary