

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

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Discovery Charter School Auditorium

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Dr. Morgan Appel, Dr. Erin Richison, Terry McKearney
- b. Members Absent: Vikki Viramontes
- c. Others Present: Sandy Du-Song, John Greenwell, Néstor Espinoza, Cecilia Williamson

**C. Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation by Discovery Students
Representing the Art Program**

Students from various grades presented the cross-curricular projects they have worked on with Mrs. Alicia Donovan. The student presenters explained how they drew inspiration from ancient history, the natural sciences, and environmental awareness to develop their art project and artist's statement. The Board thanked the Discovery students and Mrs. Donovan for their presentation. Students received a certificate of recognition and a homework pass.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion: Appel

Second: McKearney

Vote: MSCU

III. Approve Minutes from the December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Richison

Second: Appel

Vote: MSCU

IV. Public Comment

A. Items on the Agenda: There were no public comments for items on the Agenda.

- Ms. McKayla Carpenter-Robinson thanked the Board and administration for another round of successful negotiations.

B. Items not on the Agenda:

- Ms. Yocelin Sotomayor presented the Board with schedules for the Boys and Girls basketball teams' interscholastic spring season.

V. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Du-Song introduced Mr. Salvador Gonzalez, Discovery's new custodian, and Mrs. Sophia Bueno, who will be running the KIDCO program at Discovery.
- Mrs. Du-Song shared the Kinder students went on a field trip to the San Diego Zoo. The 5th grade students spent the day at Biztown, which is sponsored by San Diego Junior Achievement to promote work-readiness and financial literacy skills.
- Mrs. Du-Song reported that on 1-23-19, two informational meetings were held for Discovery's Middle School program. There was a high turnout of families for both the morning and evening meetings.
- Also reported, the Boys and Girls basketball teams' seasons have started, as well as the Coed Soccer team.
- Mrs. Du-Song shared with the Board that on 1-14-19 Discovery's teachers, administrators, and office support staff attended a day of Wellness and Health training sponsored by VEBA.
- The Discovery drama production this year will be "Junie B. Jones." Day and evening performances will be held on February 7th-9th, 2019.

VI. Art Program Report

Mrs. Alicia Donovan reported on the development of Discovery's Art program over the past six years. She described how she connects cross-curricular concepts with art. Using examples in geometry and geography, she shared with the Board mixed media projects students have produced to demonstrate their learning of angles and topography. Along with this, students create an artist's statement about the purpose of their art project, and their thought process throughout.

VII. First Interim Budget Report

Mrs. Cecilia Williamson presented the First Interim Budget, revised with the negotiated 3% pay increase. Unrestricted reserve is at 18.5%.

VIII. Final Board Approval/Ratification of 2018-2019 Agreement for Negotiations between DCS and DCTU.

Motion: McKearney Second: Richison Vote: MSCU

IX. Approve 3% Salary Increase for Discovery Charter Classified Staff and Management Effective to July 1st, 2018.

Motion: Richison Second: Appel Vote: MSCU

X. Approve travel to “Dual Language & English Learner Conference 2019” (Action)

Location: SDSU, San Diego, CA

Dates: January 16th-18th, 2019

Funding Source: Title II

Rationale: Participants will learn, collaborate, and network around current research and innovative practices to improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for dual language and English learners in PreK-12th grade.

Cost: Registration cost is \$250.00 each for one administrator and one dual immersion teacher to attend all three days, and \$200.00 for one dual immersion teacher to attend two days. Not to exceed \$700.00

Motion: Appel

Second: Richison

Vote: MSCU

XI. Board Communications

Dr. Appel expressed how he is always so impressed by the caliber of work teachers and students do at Discovery, and that the “bar is always being raised.” Dr. Appel wished the basketball and soccer teams good luck this season.

Mr. McKearney wished everyone a Happy New Year for 2019, and congratulated Discovery’s interscholastic sports teams. He also expressed appreciation to DCS and DCTU for conducting negotiations with respect. Mr. McKearney praised both sides for being “committed to getting to “Yes,” and to serving kids.”

Dr. Richison congratulated and thanked Mrs. Donovan for her work in the arts with children. Dr. Richison said it was “great” that everyone took the opportunity to learn how to take better care of ourselves at the VEBA sponsored health event. Finally, Dr. Richison advised the Board that unavoidably, she will be unable to attend the February 21st, 2019 meeting, but she will be looking forward to hearing more on the work Discovery teachers and administrators will be doing with Jill Tellier and the E3 evaluation process.

Mrs. Carroll said she too wished to thank everyone for their part in the negotiation process, and that “the communication was effective and professional,” which helps everyone feel like they can talk to each other and work with each other.” Mrs. Carroll said tonight’s meeting sounds like Discovery is “ready for 2019.”

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion: McKearney

Second: Richison

Vote: MSCU

The next Regular Meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be in the Discovery Auditorium on Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Rochelle Carroll, Board President

Cecilia Williamson, Secretary