

Discovery Charter School

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

**Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 16th, 2023
5:30pm
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:33pm

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Sara Roa, Harry Sevel

Members Absent: Morgan Appel, Tara Zaragoza

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rub Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by student, Maximiliano Ochoa

D. Grade Level Presentation: 3rd Grade

- 3rd grade students shared with the Board what they have been learning so far this school year. The students shared what they've learned about school expectations, and how they have worked on community circles and buddy ups with their classmates. They learned about cultural traditions, their own different families and backgrounds, and their current unit of study, the Kumeyaay. The students also shared what they are currently learning in Math and performed several math chants with Mrs. Salo. The students shared their opinion on what the best part of 3rd grade is, and the Board was very impressed with their presentation.

II. Approve Agenda

(Action)

Motion: Roa

Second: Sevel

Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from the July 25th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Sevel

Second: Roa

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 –

- Mrs. Maritza Diaz, parent, spoke to the Board regarding the disconnect and miscommunication regarding after-school programs. Mrs. Diaz is concerned regarding the availability of our afterschool programs and would like more transparency on the subject.
- Mrs. Estee Howsare, parent, spoke to the Board regarding a lack of after school programs available for TK and Kindergarten students. She is also concerned regarding a balanced schedule for afterschool opportunities and offered coordination with volunteers for afterschool opportunities. She would also like to advocate for more vocational programs within Discovery from TK to Middle School, to help better prepare students for High School and College.

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

- Mr. MacGaffey shared that during the unexpected power outage that we had today, students and staff did an amazing job of continuing the day and they were able to bring back power within the hour.
- Mr. MacGaffey excitedly reported that we are #2 in the district for our daily rate of attendance. Many covid cases continue to be reported, but our district and staff have been able to support these absences and Discovery is able to offer ISC's for those students who need it. Mr. MacGaffey and Mrs. Alamo have met with parents of students who have also been chronically absent and have offered more information and support to them.
- Our AthLEAD afterschool program is running well. We are receiving our funding for this program from ELOP and we have helped to also maintain attendance to ensure the funds are being used well. Sports tryouts are also coming up with AthLEAD.
- Mr. MacGaffey reported that teachers are finishing beginning of year assessments and data has started to come in, which helps us determine what supports and interventions are needed. Initial ELPAC testing is also underway.

- Mr. MacGaffey also noted that we're having a great start to the new school year. We had our very first and well attended PTC meeting and we are gearing up for our family camp out.

VI. 2023 Discovery Data Report (Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey shared data on our reading and Math local measures, which included our achieve and iReady data. The students did a great job.
- The average lexile in both English and Spanish, continues to grow year after year.
- Our EL's and our students with disabilities grew in lexiles, a greater amount than all students which helps to narrow the gap in their lexile growth. Middle School students have also succeeded in their lexile growth, and they continue to be #1 within the district in ELA and Math CAASPP scores.
- Mr. MacGaffey also shared data regarding our CAASPP and ELPAC scores. The CAASPP 2-year comparison showed great growth and areas to continue to work on.
- Our CAST Science scores are an area of focus for Discovery. There are future plans to adapt to the new CAST test.
- Mr. MacGaffey also reported that we are seeing the right trends on our ELPAC scores and continue to work on this target and our EL's are doing well.
- Our iReady math average scale scores are also growing.

VII. Approve and Adopt new Board Policy for Registration and Enrollment Timeline (Action)

Motion: Sevel

Second: Roa

Vote: MCSU

VIII. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with R-Stories (Action)

Services: Will provide three in-classroom presentations on how school was 100 years ago with realia, props and costumes for 2nd grade students in support of their first quarter unit of study.

Total Cost: \$550.

Funding Source: Gift Account – Field Trip Fund (on-site presentations in-lieu of a grade level field trip)

Motion: Sevel

Second: Roa

Vote: MCSU

IX. Approve Public Works Contract with Golden Image Window Coverings (Action)

Services: The ten classrooms that face the school quad require blinds for security reasons.

Total Cost: \$9,486, not to exceed \$9,600

Funding Source: Unrestricted Charter Funds

Motion: Roa

Second: Sevel

Vote: MCSU

X. Board Announcements

- Mrs. Roa commended the 3rd grade teachers for their presentation, and loves that Discovery has a cultural committee. She appreciates all the data information.
- Mr. Sevel reiterated what a wonderful job 3rd grade is doing and commended Mr. MacGaffey for his data report.
- President Carroll commended Mr. MacGaffey and all the staff for all their work. She commended all the parents for being here today and hopes that all are able to attend the upcoming parent meeting. She feels that we are fortunate to have staff that are able to go above and beyond the classroom and thanked the parents for all their advocacy for our students.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm

(Action)

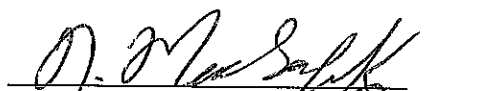
Motion: Sevel

Second: Roa

Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 5:30pm.


Rochelle Carroll, Board President


Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board