

Discovery Charter School

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

**Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
5:30pm**

MINUTES

I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order at 5:32pm

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Rochelle Carroll, Sara Roa, Tara Zaragoza, Morgan Appel, Harry Sevel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Neil MacGaffey, Erika Alamo, Rubi Palomares

C. Pledge of Allegiance led by student Bailee Nunez

D. Group Presentation: Drama Club

- Students from our Drama Club cast and crew performed a presentation for our Board members. They talked about their experiences performing and behind the scenes and presented a few musical excerpts from their recent show, Moana Jr. The students also demonstrated their work as part of the show's production team. The Board thanked and congratulated the students for their amazing work.

II. Approve Agenda

(Action)

Motion: Appel

Second: Roa

Vote: MCSU

III. Approve Minutes from the January 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Action)

Motion: Zaragoza

Second: Sevel

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. Executive Director's Report

(Information/Report)

- Mr. MacGaffey expressed how amazing the Drama presentation was to witness and enjoyed watching their presentation.
- On behalf of Discovery Staff, Mr. MacGaffey thanked our Board for the valentines day lunch they prepared for staff and for the gift provided to each of them.
- Discovery had a successful launch of our Thought Exchange survey and our LCAP meetings have begun and they are moving along well.
- Continuing our two-way communication, Mr. MacGaffey shared that Discovery just had a successful DELAC meeting and Coffee with Admin, and expressed that it is always great to hear from our parents.
- Mr. MacGaffey noted that the Twig Science adoption cost, which is item VI on our agenda, will be a little less than what is written on our agenda.
- We have also included for approval on item X, a request for Sprockids bike trail riding club to expand its number of student groups. This is a great opportunity for our students.
- We have begun our ELPAC testing today and are very appreciative of our teachers, of Mrs. Ulloa our ELL IA and Mrs. Alamo, who is helping launch the testing this week.
- Mr. MacGaffey expressed his appreciation for our partnership with UCSD. Our Robotics teacher has recently reached out to Dr. Appel to coordinate a visit to their science lab.
- The district started a food recycling initiative. Mr. MacGaffey shared that Discovery is leading the way and has started to work with students in phase 2 of the initiative, which includes teaching students to sort trash, recyclables, and food compost. Though it was an initial challenge, it is amazing now how far our students have come and how well they have learned this new system. Discovery is excitedly rising to that challenge and leading the way for other schools in the district.

VI. Adopt TWIG Science Next Gen Science Curriculum (Action)

Information: Adoption cost is for 5 years of all K-8th grade English, Spanish and Intervention curriculum in both print and digital, consumable instructional materials, and science equipment lab kits and the annual lab materials refill.

Total Cost: \$280,000 not to exceed \$300,000

Funding Sources: IPI and ESSER III expiring fund balances, Lottery, Arts Music and Instructional Materials Grant.

Motion: Appel

Second: Sevel

Vote: MCSU

VII. Approve Public Works Contract with Vinyard Doors, Inc. (Action)

Services: Remove stationary window in front of the sound and light system in the auditorium and install a counter rolling door for the Drama and Choir clubs' practices and performances.

Total Cost: \$7,777.00, not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunity Program Funds

Motion: Appel

Second: Roa

Vote: MCSU

VIII. Approve Discovery Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics Teams' Fundraising Request (Action)

Purpose of Fundraiser: To raise funds for Odyssey of the Mind and Robotics competition teams' travel costs, and related necessary resources and supplies.

Description of Fundraising: From March 8th-15th, sell commercially prepared fresh fruit popsicles immediately after school. From March 11th-14th, offer after school STEAM Camp for students during parent conference week. Registration fees will apply, and snacks will be sold for STEAM Camp students.

Motion: Zaragoza Second: Roa Vote: MCSU

IX. Approve Overnight Travel for Teacher and Student Team to the FIRST Lego League Robotics World Championship. (Action)

Location: Long Beach, CA

Dates: May 30th through June 3rd, 2024

Cost: Championship travel costs for students paid for through fundraising and parent contribution. Teacher's lodging, meals, and mileage estimate \$1,600.00.

Funding Source: Unrestricted charter funds.

Motion: Appel Second: Zaragoza Vote: MCSU

X. Approve Increase for the 2023-2024 Independent Contractor Agreement with Sprockids from \$7,500 to \$10,000. (Action)

Services: Sprockids' 2023-24 Independent Contractor Agreement currently provides three quarterly after-school trail bike riding classes at \$2,500 each. The requested increase of \$2,500 is to add a fourth class in the fourth quarter.

Total Increase Requested: \$2,500.

Funding Source: Extended Learning Opportunity Program Funds

Motion: Zaragoza Second: Sevel Vote: MCSU

XI. Board Announcements

- Mr. Sevel shared that he had the opportunity to go to Discovery's drama production of Moana Jr. and was very impressed, the show was fantastic.
- Dr. Appel shared that tonight was like a "night at the Tony's" and was also very impressed with the production and presentation.
- Mrs. Zaragoza shared that she was amazed with the commitment, friendship, and connections that the students made during their experience with the Drama production. She was very happy as a parent and as a board member to be part of this experience.

- Mrs. Roa expressed how lucky students are to be part of Discovery and such an excellent production. She shared that Discovery's Drama Club keeps getting better year after year.
- President Carroll expressed how wonderful the Drama Club experience was for each of the students and thanked the teachers for all of their hard work during this time. She is excited about the end of quarter and parent conferences coming up and thanked everyone for being there tonight.

XII. Adjournment

(Action)

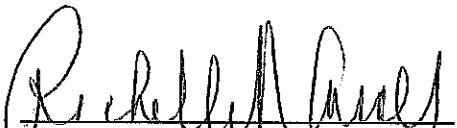
A motion was made by President Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm.

Motion: Sevel


Second: Zaragoza

Vote: MCSU

The next regular meeting of the Discovery Charter School Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30pm.



Rochelle Carroll, Board President



Neil MacGaffey, Secretary to the Board