



## **DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Discovery Phoenix, Room 2 - 4021 Teale Ave, San Jose CA  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

## **Minutes (Amended)**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30PM**

- a. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum: Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Spieler
- b. Approval of Agenda: Motion Ms. Eagle, Second: Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Spieler
- c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Spieler

#### **II. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **III. OPEN SESSION 7:16PM**

- a. Report on Closed Session: Personnel Changes (§ 54957(b)(1))
- b. Board Recognition of Charter Renewal:  
The Board of Directors publicly recognized and thanked: the Leadership team, Debbie Devine, Debby Perry, and Vanessa Bonaventure.
- c. PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
Mark Alvares, SJPd Safety Liaison, offered himself as a resource for questions regarding safety on campus.  
  
Autumn Talbott received a recommendation to include unpublicized school events to the school admin, who can send it to the webmaster.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

- a. Phoenix Student Council Report  
Zoe Fotakis, Vice-President of the Student Council reported on finalizing Spirit Week – April Monday: Reading, Tuesday: Food, Wed: Kids vs. Teachers, Thurs: TV Day, Fri: Movie Day. The student Council is working on organizing new equipment with ball bins.
- b. Staff Round Table: Leadership Team  
Cheryl Zirbel, Erin Mah, Toni Sindelar, Jenna Bryon, Jennie Hare shared the leadership model. Leaders are elected by colleagues for 2 year terms, to address

staff questions or concerns, which gives every teacher a voice and to share different viewpoints. Leadership opportunities at Discovery.

c. PSC Report Phoenix Campus

Karen Yorn and Pooja Arora reported that Fundraising for Laps For Learning March 8 exceeded \$38,000 with 79% student participation. RM 29 8th grade class had 100% participation, and 5 classes came in with over 90% participation. Spring Auction is on May 4. KOA schoolwide camping was a successful community event, led by the campout team. PSC is recruiting new officers. Maker Day is on May 22, Staff Appreciation is week of May 6, Book Fair is June 3 week.

d. Superintendent/Phoenix Campus Director Report

Debby reported on the successful charter renewal with Santa Clara County. Over the break, a staff member found jackets lit on fire in middle school alley, Moreland Middle School was contacted and they filed police reports. Miki and Debby worked on California Dashboard to file paperwork with the County then to the State. SARB with D2 with truancy, 5 families over 18 days.

CA state legislation is proposing AB 1505, AB 1506, AB 1507 regarding charter school growth.

e. Falcon Campus Director Report

Miki Walker was invited to visit Summit Tahoma Charter High School, which was similar to DCS Middle School, and attended by former DCS graduates. Hosted a Sub Fair, right after drop off, before pickup. Facilities update Prop 39: collecting bids from contractors for solar panels for December. SJ Unified will be repaving over the summer.

f. Financial Report

EdTec will be reporting at the regular meeting in May and June.

**V. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. Annual Fund Report/Fundraising

Debby reported that Discovery Falcon 52% participation from families, with \$216,500. Last year this time, it was 63% participation, with \$201,000.

Phoenix 58% participation from families, with \$232,311. Last year this time, it was 51% participation, with \$195,402.

b. Board Election Timeline and Seat Availability

Timeline is tentative. Announcement for applications will be in the Newsletters Ms. Sanchez motions for up to 4 open seats in the new board election, with no more than 7 total seats, Second: Mr. Foisie, Aye: Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Spieler

c. Discussion Regarding Cost of Extended Care Program

D2 was surveyed: Do you think the prices of the program are too high? 25% said it was low, 75% said it was the right price.

The Committee will recommend the financial aid process.

- d. Discussion Regarding Creating Tech Committee  
Ms. Lee will attend an upcoming Tech Task Force meeting for more information.
- e. Changes to the Minutes: III. b. “Novare implementation is a continuation of our effort to align both schools.”  
VI. b. “Ms. Sanchez reported that she took away from the conference, the board’s responsibility...”  
IV c. Change name to Squar Milner  
Move to approve the 3/19/2019 minutes as amended: Ms. Eagle, Second: Ms. Sanchez, Aye: Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Spieler

## **VI. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / BOARD OPERATIONS / RECOGNITION**

*This is an opportunity for Board members to address activities, correspondence, and operations and to acknowledge or recognize specific programs, activities, or personnel.*

- a. Board Operations  
By November, an option to listen to a board meeting via phone call at both schools, will be set up.
- b. Reports: Committees/Correspondence/Activities  
Election Committee will be looking for board candidates with skills set by the current board.  
  
Ms. Sanchez reported that she was in the process of looking for audit training through CCSA, CCSOCE, and EdTec.  
  
She was also asked to sit on the California Charter School Association Santa Clara County PAC.
- c. Board Calendar  
May 15 Regular Board Meeting  
June 1 Board Self-Evaluations  
June 10 Regular Board Meeting 6:30PM / ED Goal
- d. Future Agenda Items  
Discussion on Discovery Experience and Diversity Committees  
Members overlap over Finance/Audit  
Board Member Candidates’ Desired Skill Set  
Discussion in May: Process to Evaluate Board Goals for Executive Director for June  
Discussion on Board Self-Evaluation/Board Goals

## **VII. ADJOURNED 10:17PM**