



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

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

**Discovery Phoenix Campus, Room 2 - 4021 Teale Ave, San Jose CA  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**President Spieler called meeting to order at 6:37pm**

- a. President Spieler established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present:  
Present: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, & Mr. Foisie
- b. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Spieler.

#### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

#### **III. REPORTS**

- a. **Student Council Representative** – Student rep on overnight filed trip. Will report next board meeting.
- b. **Teacher Report – Middle school math**  
Math teachers – Joanne Norlin, Marc Graci, Alexandra Zdravkovic presented.  
CPM “College Preparatory Math. Teaching 5 levels: Core 1-3, Algebra, and Geometry. Focus is on problem solving. Conceptual vs procedural. Challenge to meet students at all level. Strive to enriching and making math interesting not accelerating. Using intervention techniques and strategies but still looking for a solution that benefit. Played Joanne Boaler (Stanford Mathematics Professor) video.
- c. **Falcon PSC Report**  
Sarah –Book fair 9K in sales and half go to school. Laps for Learning was held prior to Thanksgiving. The event brought in 52K, received 30K in online gifts, and 9K in corporate sponsorship. 280 families participated. There was a Falcon mascot during the event which added to a very positive exciting atmosphere. Mini teacher grants coming this year – submissions will be due in January. New teacher grants as well. Next big project for Falcon PSC (and Discovery organization) is open enrollment and community relationship building by asking families to promote Discovery Schools in surrounding area preschools. Tomorrow (Dec. 12) is a staff appreciation lunch.

- d. Superintendent/Phoenix Campus Director Report (Debby Perry)** Ms. Perry reported that it rained opening day of our new playground. Phoenix campus held an assembly over the speakers in the classrooms due to the weather. There is an issue with losing playground , therefore, administration is working with student council to try to come up with ideas for playground equipment ownership. Current students/families have been informed that the school will not allow balls or equipment from home. Adminsitration (and teachers) still searching for the answer to make kids feel responsible for equipment. Winter fair was held, and 8th grade held a food sale to earn money for graduation, and there were also community services events. Due to wet weather the Phoenix campus had some leaks in the classrooms, and mobile modular came out for repairs. The “Principal for a Day” – drove our robot to their class, tried out all new play equipment. Kids won challenge dodgeball game against staff.

***Annual Fund status:***

*Falcon 94,516.02 32% - Matching – unknown*

*Phoenix 165,435.67 33% - Matching 52,263.92*

- e. Falcon Campus Director Report (Miki Walker)** Ms. Walker reported that family movie night was hosted by 8th grade class. This was an opportunity for 8th graders to develop leadership. Related to wet weather, the Falcon campus also experienced leaks. San Jose Unified has been responsive to repairs. Fall mob flash was soft intro to performing arts program. A second round will take place – flash mobs will be a middle school selective. We have developed a relationship with Santa Teresa High school and will be using their theater. There is a performance next Thursday. Hope is to build student council out of a leadership selective. Music council working well. Introduced the selective program from Phoenix to Falcon and the program has been well received.

**f. Financials**

President Spieler announced – no financials. In January we will cover Dec. and Jan.

**IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Policy Audit Review**

President Spieler reported that our lawyers looked at our policies and we have been given a list of mandatory policies we should review against current policies and add policies that Discovery may be missing. We are estimating an hour for each policy that will require development. The Board would like to start with 2-3 policies (at a time) which are required, after that we can focus on optional policies.

**b. CAASPP Report**

Ms. Devine reported that discovery continues to perform extremely well in comparison to surrounding area schools. Ms. Devine led the Board and audience members through language arts and math by each grade level and year over year differences. Reviewing at grade level – 3rd grade first time with standard test and performing higher than other schools. 4th grade had a slight dip in scores. We will be focusing on those students who did not perform as well to see why our program may not be working for them. 7th grade score slightly down. We have a high number of special ed and gate students. 8th EL up. Review and deep dive of students underperforming. Overall we had a drop in math scores.

**c. Strategic Plan**

Board reviewed each assigned section first drafts. Each Board member collected comments directed toward their assigned segments, and will be coming to next board meeting with second drafts in January.

**d. Teleconferencing Plan**

Final teleconferencing plan reviewed, and amended: Item 2 -Phoenix will call Falcon amended to “satellite school will contact the Board Meeting location”. Item 5 - change Falcon to satellite.

On a motion made by Mr. Speiler, seconded by Ms. Sanchez the Board voted to approve the plan as amended. Approved 5-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

**VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)**

*These agenda items are considered routine and will be approved in one action without discussion.*

*If a Board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar or a citizen wishes to speak to an item, the item will be considered under Action Items.*

On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved 5-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

**VII. 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. Reports: Committees/Correspondence/Activities**

Discover committee information expected to be supplied by each board member charing a committee. Goal is to have committee meeting and starting work in January 2020.

President Spieler and Ms. Lee attended the Winter Festival.

**b. Board Calendar**

**i. Set Date for General Board Meeting**

January 22, 2020 – 6:30pm

**ii. Future Agenda Items**

Student representative will attend

EdTec and director’s report on Falcon Budget (including enrollment efforts and affects)

Falcon and Phoenix school survey results

LCAP

Teacher Roundtables: P.E. - Sportsmanship curriculum- Both Schools

**c. Poem of the Month – “I know my Soul” author Claude McKay**

Read by President Spieler

**VII. ADJOURN**

**The Board adjourned without objection at 9:18 P.M.**