



## DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday November 15, 2017

## Minutes

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- President Morris called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.
- President Morris established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Mr. Mettler, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Morris, Ms. Eagle, Ms. Sanchez, and Mr. Shepherd.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Morris.
- Closed Session began 6:18 P.M.
- Closed Session adjourned 6:59 P.M.
- Open Session began at 7:00 P.M.

- **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

- On a motion made by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Ms. Eagle, the Board voted on Motion #171115.1 to accept Dale Jones's resignation from Executive Director of Discovery Charter Schools.. Approved 6-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Mr. Shepherd – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye, Ms. Sanchez -- Aye

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Alex Blake asked about our policy in the event of an active shooter. Dale Jones explained that both campuses have a code red policy where classrooms are locked down and all staff receives annual training.

- **REPORTS**

- **Phoenix Student Council Report** – Mia Wercinski, 8<sup>th</sup> grade President, along with Zoe, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Vice Presiden, reported that the council planned Spirit Week and it has gone well. On Monday, author Orly Wahba held three assemblies for Kindness Day and had a group dance for kindness.
- **Phoenix PSC** – Karen Yorn and Pooja Chopra reported that the PSC approved 10 out of the 11 mini grants for \$4.6K. There is 95% participation for shifts. Fall Festival was well attended and made \$8.6K. November 30 is the first scheduled Campus tour.

- **Falcon Leadership** – Leadership meets each week and they discuss such topics as professional development, instructional strategies, common language to use with entire community, habits of mind, and inclusion. This group led a parent education night about empathy and listening. The group serves as a liaison to their grade levels to insure communication flows to all teachers and staff. Desired qualities of the future Superintendent was also discussed.
- **Finance Report** – Cheryl Leong guided us through financials and with the large attendance, Libby Morris explained many of the issues we face and described how the board approaches the budget.
- **Executive Director/Superintendent Report** – Dale Jones reported that there was a productive meeting between him and Moreland School District on Tuesday, November 14. There were no safety issues. The three visiting teachers from Myanmar spent time at Falcon Campus, Washington Open, and McAuliffe.
- **Assistant Superintendent/Phoenix Campus Director Report** – Debby Perry reported that the Harry Potter Movie Night was well attended. December 17 will be the San Jose Barracuda game fundraiser for the SSEP. World Kindness Day went well. Carol Bauerle won a GATE award for which her students nominated her. Enrollment at Phoenix is 565. Enrollment at Falcon is 566. Annual fund Phoenix is 125K with 34% participation. Annual fund Falcon is 90K and 27% participation.
- **Falcon Campus Director Report** – Miki Walker reported that November 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first Discovery Information Night. The school wide monthly math problem will receive support from TLC for Universal Design. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are at Coloma for science camp.
- **CAASPP Reporting** – Debbie Devine walked us through graphs for both schools compared to county, similar schools, and state performance by grade level.

## - **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Facilities** – In Dale’s meeting with MSD Superintendent, it was expressed that they would like to separate the Phoenix campus from Anderson with a full fence, give us the preschool double portable, and convert the community garden to a field for our use. Going forward Debby Perry and Joan McCreary will continue negotiations.
- **LCAP**— The Board discussed with Dale Jones the County’s response to the Discovery LCAP report.
- **Suicide Prevention Policy**-- On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Ms. Sanchez, the Board voted on Motion #171115.2 to approve the Suicide Prevention Policy as amended. Approved 6-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Mr. Shepherd – Aye, Ms. Sanchez -- Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.
- **Suspension and Expulsion Policy**— Changes to the policy proposed to reflect current educational code requirements. Board will vote on the amendments at the December regular meeting.
- **Falcon Campus Charter Renewal** – Charter is still being revised using advice from our attorney. Board reviewed the draft renewal. Vote to approve will take place in December.
- **Succession Planning** – President Morris met with Dale, Debby, and Miki to discuss an interim plan. Board Survey results will be presented at December meeting. Search likely to begin in January.
- **Board Goals** – No further discussion

- **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted on Motion #171115.3 to approve the Consent Calendar. Approved 6-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Mr. Shepherd – Aye, Ms. Sanchez -- Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

- **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / BOARD OPERATIONS / RECOGNITION**

- Board Calendar -- Next Regular Board Meeting will be December 13, 2017.
- Board Operations – None
- Correspondence – None
- Future Agenda Items: Fundraising Annual Fund Calls

- **MINDFULNESS MOMENT**

- Ms. Morris led us in a mindfulness moment.

- **OPEN SESSION ADJOURN**

- The Board adjourned 10:00 P.M.