



DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

Discovery I - 4021 Teale Ave, San Jose CA

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Eagle called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

President Eagle established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Ms. Eagle, Ms McCreary, Mr. Mettler, Ms Morris, and Mr. Kizaraly.

The agenda was amended to remove the Teacher Report, remove the Teacher/Employee Handbook item, and add Homeschool Parent Agreement.

CLOSED SESSION

Dale Jones updated the Board on two potential litigation situations at Discovery II. No action was taken.

OPEN SESSION Open Session began at 7:18P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karla Lund spoke to the Board on her concerns that HomeSchool students be given a priority status in the Lottery when applying for the regular DCS program.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board announced the actions from the Special and Regular Board Meeting closed sessions.

1. The Board voted not to expel Student #10732.
2. The Board took no action on two cases of potential litigation.

REPORTS

Discovery II PSC Report – Karla Lund introduced Jane Hankins as the incoming Discovery II PSC President. PSC is working to expand use of Cloud501 for class blogs, fundraising, and a parent expertise database. The Spring Fun Fair brought in over \$26,000 in profits, coming from an auction, wristband sales and a rummage sale. Over 1,000 attendees are estimated to have participated.

Superintendent/Executive Director Report

The Superintendent/Executive Director reported on the following:

- Kelley Gomez was announced as a new HomeSchool teacher for the lower grades.
- Mr. Jones hosted a community meeting at Discovery II, which included LCAP review. 100 attendees gave feedback through a museum walk of the strategic plan elements.
- Mr. Jones and Ms. Bakowsky attended an LCAP training through the County Office of Education. LCAP draft work has been shared with the County.
- Mr. Jones met this week with Spectrum school to address incidents with some Spectrum students.
- Discovery I held a staff development day. Report card format and content was the focus.

- Mr. Jones and Ms. Perry presented the annual charter school review to the County Board in April. The Board asked Discovery to include a statement and link on our website that we are County approved.
- Staff interviews went very well. Many strong candidates were identified and hiring has been completed for both campuses.
- Safety Report – Spectrum school incidents continue. A Discovery student was hit in the head by a Spectrum student.

Operations Report

An enrollment report was handed out.

The Annual Fund has brought in \$276,272.97 at Discovery I (76% participation) and \$220,958 at Discovery II (75% participation).

Discovery I Director Report

- Ms. Perry is working hard at building community to foster family enthusiasm. Some of the upcoming activities include a Family Game Night, Maker Day, Field Day and a summer movie night. A weekly afterschool singalong has been happening on Wednesdays.
- 8th grade graduation will be June 17, with school-wide promotion assembly on the last day of school on June 18.
- The staff is considering moving all K-6 math classes to be held at the same time of day.

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A proposal was made by Mr. Jones to give re-entry priority for HomeSchool families who wish to return to Discovery and to give siblings of HomeSchool students priority at Discovery II.

Discussion was held on whether the priority would be limited to the school at which the student was previously registered. Mr. Mettler suggested that the language in the Discovery II policy be changed to reflect current state preference categories of free/reduced lunch eligibility rather than Title I school areas.

On a motion made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted to approve Motion #150527.2 to accept the Discovery Charter School I Lottery Policy as amended.

Approved 5-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Mr. Kizaraly – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

On a motion made by Mr. Kizaraly and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted to approve Motion #150527.3 to accept the Discovery Charter School II Lottery Policy as amended.

Approved 5-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Mr. Kizaraly – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

The Attendance Policy and its implementation were discussed in response to low P2 numbers previously reported. Mr. Jones reported that the SARB has been used in 2 cases. He has also sent letters to the District Attorney for a case of chronic absences and has never received a response. Letters are sent to families for chronic tardiness and absence of students. The Board will rely on Ms. Perry's and Mr. Jones' vigilance on this topic.

Ms. Eagle will begin the process of the Executive Director's review and goal setting. The intention is to do the review in July and set goals in August.

The HomeSchool parent agreement was reviewed. Changes from the regular program's parent agreement were proposed to reflect the increase in field trips, fewer days on campus, and Independent Study Contract.

On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Mr. Kizaraly, the Board voted to approve Motion #150527.4 to approve the HomeSchool Parent Agreement as amended. Approved 5-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Mr. Kizaraly – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

The Board election was held. 4 candidates were on the ballot. Ms. Morris, Mr. Kizaraly and Ms. Eagle were re-elected to their seats.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted to approve Motion #150527.5 to approve consent calendar. Approved 5-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Mr. Kizaraly – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / BOARD OPERATIONS / RECOGNITION

Reports –

Ms. Morris sent an email to Discovery Experience committee member to plan initial committee work in early August.

Ms. Eagle sent an email to Development committee members to initiate action items.

Board Calendar - Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 23, 2015.

ADJOURN

The Board adjourned without objection at 9:15 P.M.