



DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Discovery I
Room 2**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Eagle called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
- B. President Eagle established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Mr. Mettler, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Eagle and Ms. Morris.

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. The Board heard an update on a potential litigation case. No action was taken.

III. OPEN SESSION

Open Session was called to order at 7:05PM. Ms. Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jones reported that no action had been taken in Closed Session.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made on items outside the agenda.

V. REPORTS

- A. **DI Staff Report** - Staff representatives presented the development of a new progress report card. The goal is to create consistency in format and content within the K-5 and the Middle School programs. Language was pulled from the Common Core Standards. Grades are not included except upon request at the Middle School level. The math reports include a separate effort and knowledge percentage report. Math teachers expect to update their report card after attending professional development in February.
- B. **Discovery I PSC Report** – Krista Maxfield reported on upcoming Game Night and other events.
- C. **Financial Update** – Cheryl Leong from EdTec presented the proposal for the Educator Effectiveness Expenditure Plan.
- D. **Superintendent/Executive Director Report**
 - Met with personnel at San Jose Unified School District and Board Member Joan McCreary for a positive first meeting regarding lease renegotiation for Discovery II.
 - Discovery II was recently audited by the SCCOE. Auditors spent time in classrooms talking with students, parents and teachers. They emphasized the need for Discovery to provide data in our reports. There were no major findings.
 - Candidate for US Representative Ro Khanna took a tour of Discovery I recently.
 - Safety Report – no incidents.
- E. **Assistant Superintendent/Discovery I Director Report**

- Ms. Perry shared reports from many Discovery I teachers about the positive impact the Chromebook program has made on classrooms from K through 8th grades.

F. Operations Report

- Enrollment – No change from last month
- Funds Drive – Discovery I has 43% participation (\$134,900). Discovery II has 30% participation (\$93,400).

[The Board recessed for 10 minutes, recovering at 845PM]

V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Board discussed the Discovery I Report Card Proposal. It was questioned whether Board approval was necessary for this change. Ms. Eagle reflected a standard report card format had been expected in the first years of the school. Mr. Jones suggested the report cards are part of the instructional program not educational policy. Ms. Morris suggested the Board should see the report cards annually but not need to approve them.

Comments from the public included appreciation for the developmental component to the report and a suggestion to explain the basis for the assessments. Teacher Ms. Norlin stated grades should remain on the middle school report card and felt the removal of grades was a philosophical change.

The Board agreed to let the process continue at the staff level and not bring it to a Board vote, with Ms. Eagle dissenting.

- B. Mr. Jones presented a proposal from parents at Discovery II to add a preference change to the Lottery Policy for siblings of Homeschool students. Several parents spoke to their rationale behind and support of the proposal. Board members spoke to the concerns that this could be a back door to admission at Discovery II. The Board will consider the proposal in December.
- C. Mr. Jones presented a formal proposal for an After School Care program to be run by Discovery II in place of the current care provider, YMCA. The Board discussed the merits and components of the program. Ms. Morris asked for regular reports if it should be approved. Mr. Mettler observed the current after school program is not aligned with the Discovery philosophy. Ms. Eagle asked for a parent contract and job descriptions for the care providers. Mr. Mettler inquired about financial aid and gathering community input.
- On a motion made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Eagle, the Board voted on Motion # 151118.1 to end our contract with the YMCA at Discovery II and establish a Discovery extended hours care program. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Eagle - Aye.
- D. On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Ms. Morris, the Board voted on Motion # 151118.2 to approve the Educator Effectiveness Expenditure Plan. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.
- E. Ms. McCreary presented the final draft of a Contract Review and Approval policy. Minor changes were made to word choice. On a motion made by Ms. McCreary and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted on Motion # 151118.3 to approve the Contract Review and Approval policy as amended. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Eagle - Aye

- F. Ms. McCreary relayed that a new site option arose today. She will tour the site with a broker tomorrow. Ms. McCreary reported on plans to tour other SJUSD sites for ideas on how to make improvements to existing classrooms on the Discovery II site.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

- A. On a motion made by Mr. Mettler and seconded by Ms. Morris, the Board voted on Motion # 151118.4 to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Eagle - Aye.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / BOARD OPERATIONS / RECOGNITION

- A. Board Operations – no report
- B. Reports
- Discovery Experience committee met on November 17, 2015 to complete the survey questions.
 - The Facilities Committee will meet November 24, 2015 at 9AM.
 - The Finance Committee plans to meet in January.
- C. Correspondence – Ms. McCreary sent a thank you letter to Joel Rosenberg for his fundraising effort at Discovery II. Board members received cards to write Thank you notes to large donors.
- D. Board Calendar - Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 15, 2015. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren will visit Discovery I on December 4.
- E. Future Agenda Items: Homeschool Lottery policy, Extended Care program at Discovery II.

VIII. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned without objection at 10:35 P.M.