



## DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

Wednesday May 24, 2016

## Minutes - Amended

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Eagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- President Eagle established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Mr. Mettler, Ms. Eagle, Ms. McCreary, and Ms. Morris. The agenda was approved as presented.

### II. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Morris.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Gatewood, a parent at Discovery I, presented a letter to the Board and Administration with 72 signatories. She explained the letter and requested a response to the concerns presented about faculty changes.

Sinead Delaney, a parent at Discovery I, expressed concerns about faculty changes and asked for transparency for faculty and parent involvement in teacher movement.

### IV. REPORTS

- **Discovery I Grade 2/3 Teachers Report** – Diane Porter, Judy Gallagher, Jenna Bryon, Leah Heinrich and Erin Mah presented their writing curriculum and grade level collaboration. With a goal of taking students to a higher writing level, the team focused on the 6 traits of writing. Mrs. Porter and K/1 teacher Vanessa Bonaventure participated in the Ocean Plastic Pollution Summit at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and used this professional development to create K-3 project based learning experiences.
- **Discovery I PSC Report** –Krista Maxfield updated the Board on PSC activities. Nominees have been found for all PSC positions. \$3000 in mini-grant applications were awarded, out of \$7500 in requested funding.
- **Local Accountability Control Plan** Dale Jones updated the Board on goals and measurements in the LCAPs this year. Improving the reclassification rate of English Language Learners is an on-going goal, which is addressed through project-based learning, small groups and student interactions. These methods have been having good success and earned accolades from county representatives. Parent Education is already part of the school culture and attendance at Parent Ed events can be used as a metric for this goal. Spanish language instruction can be increased for students at both campuses. Discovery 2 is working on a continuum of writing measurements and Discovery 1 is working on their progress reports.
- **Superintendent/Executive Director Report**
  - The Spring Fun Fair was very fun and well attended at Discovery 2.
  - Discovery 2 will have 3 home school sections, each with 13-15 students.
  - Safety Report: no incidents were reported.
- **Assistant Superintendent/Discovery I Director Report**
  - Staff contracts are being signed. One staff position was open at Discovery 2, all are filled at Discovery 1 for the 2106-2017 school year.

- Dr. Michael Thompson visited Discovery 1. He spoke to a middle school assembly, presented to staff and gave a public talk to community members.
- Scott Fried visited Discovery 1 and 2 middle school classes.
- Discovery 1 is involved in a Holocaust Project. They have asked for a sapling descendent from Anne Frank's tree and will host a travelling exhibit for 3 weeks in November 2016.
- The staff development day on May 27 will address K-8 field trips, chrome books and robotic Sphero's for learning computer programming.
- The first school-wide musical, Schoolhouse Rock, will have performances on June 6 and 7.

○ **Operations Report**

- Enrollment – Initial enrollment numbers are strong at both campuses.
- Funds Drive – Discovery I has received \$267,833 with 88% participation. Discovery II has received \$158,297 with 48% participation.

**V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- The Board acted to elect Members for the 2016-2018 term. Mr. Joel Mettler, Mr. Peter Shepherd and Ms. Joan McCreary were elected to terms beginning July 1, 2016. No other candidates were on the ballot. The voting was as follows:

Mr. Mettler: Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye

Ms. McCreary: Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye

- Mr. Jones updated the Board on developments with SJUSD and the Discovery 2 facility lease. Negotiations were still ongoing.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- On a motion made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Mettler, the Board voted on Motion #160524.1 to approve the Consent Calendar. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

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

- Board Operations –  
A Special Board Meeting will be held June 9 at 6PM to conduct the annual Board Self-Assessment. Ms. McCreary will prepare the materials and add a prompt for reflecting on the Strategic Plan.
- Reports – Discovery Experience Committee met May 9 to determine next steps.
- Board Calendar - Next Regular Board Meeting will be June 29, 2016, 6PM start.
- Future Agenda Items: Elect Board members.

The Board recessed at 9:26PM for 5 minutes.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION** began at 9:32 PM.

- The Board reviewed cases of potential litigation.
- On a motion made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. McCreary, the Board voted on Motion #160524.2 to accept the resignation of a staff member. Approved 4-0. Mr. Mettler – Aye, Ms. McCreary – Aye, Ms. Morris – Aye, Ms. Eagle – Aye.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The Board adjourned without objection at 10:12 P.M.