REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL
Room 2
Wednesday August 17 2011

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER
President Eagle called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.
A. Presidente Eagle established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Ms. Eagle, Mr. Stajner, Ms. Watjen, Ms. Michels, and Mr. Fiss.

II. CLOSED SESSION
A. On a motion made by Mr. Fiss, seconded by Ms. Michels, the Board voted to approve motion #110817.1 to approve the contract for Executive Director Dale Jones with the clarification relative the Evergreen Clause. Approved 5-0-0-0.
B. On a motion made by Ms. Michels, seconded by Ms. Watjen, the Board voted to approve motion #110817.2 to approve the Goals of the Executive Director as amended. Approved 5-0-0-0.

III. OPEN SESSION – 7:03
A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Eagle

IV. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION
A. The Board took action on two items during Closed Session.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
The agenda was approved as presented.

VII. REPORTS
A. Superintendent/Executive Director Report
   The Superintendent/Executive Director reported on the following:
   • Staff Development Day – The staff will participate in Positive Discipline training, learn about Google Apps for Education, see a slide show of summer travels as well as hear from Sarah Brennan on her trip to India. Several staff members spent time in training for Math, Positive Discipline, and Special Ed training.
   • Parent Academy 101 – Will be held on August 30th at the Westgate Church. Topics will include Lunch/Recess, bullying, and Positive Discipline.

B. Annual Funds Drive Report – The total amount received from the Funds Drive in the 2010/2011 school year was $337,592.98.

C. Finance Report – A report of the current finances was given as well as a Budget update.
VIII. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A.  On a motion made by Mr. Fiss, seconded by Mr. Stajner, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.3 to approve the revised budget to include the restoration of salaries, with the Executive Director conferring with Leadership regarding adding an additional Development Day.  Approved 5-0-0-0.

B.  On a motion made by Ms. Michels, seconded by Mr. Stajner, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.4 to approve the leave of absence for Board Treasurer Joanne Norlin. Approved 5-0-0-0.

C.  Discussion was held regarding the number of minimum Board members discussed. No action was taken and the item will be brought back for review at the next Board meeting.

D.  Board member Fiss discussed sharing of information and The Brown Act. A separate training will take place at a later date with a representative from the Minney Law Firm.

E.  On a motion made by Ms. Michels, seconded by Mr. Stajner, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.5 to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2011-2012 school year with the inclusion of 1 SLP. Approved 5-0-0-0.

F.  On a motion made by Ms. Watjen, seconded by Mr. Fiss, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.6 to approve changes to the Parent Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year as amended. Approved 5-0-0-0.

G.  On a motion made by Mr. Stajner, seconded by Ms. Michels, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.7 to approve Policy #110817.3 – Student Grade Level Retention Policy. Approved 5-0-0-0.

H.  The Teacher Handbook was reviewed and will be brought back at a future meeting for approval.

I.  On a motion made by Mr. Stajner, seconded by Ms. Michels, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.8 to approve changes to the Parent Handbook as amended. Approved 4-0-1-0.

J.  On a motion made by Mr. Fiss, seconded by Mr. Stajner, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.9 to approve the proposal to the San Jose Unified School District to include a meeting with the Superintendent to discuss a Charter School option with the Executive Director reporting back to the Board with information for the next steps. Approved 5-0-0-0.

IX. 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.

A.  On a motion made by Mr. Fiss, seconded by Ms. Michels, the Board voted to approve Motion #110817.10 to approve the consent calendar as presented. Approved 5-0-0-0.

X. 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 - None
B.  Correspondence – None
C.  Board Calendar - Next Regular Meeting will be held on September 20th
D.  Future Agenda Items
XI. ADJOURN

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