



## **DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Discovery Phoenix, Room 2 - 4021 Teale Ave, San Jose CA  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

## **Minutes**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER 6:33PM**

- a. President Spieler established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, & Mr. Foisie
- b. Establish connection with second site – Falcon Campus
- c. Motion to Approve Agenda by Ms. Lee, Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Approved 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Foisie.
- d. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spieler

### **II. OPEN SESSION**

- a. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
A parent asked about class placement, the board asked them to email their concerns, as they are unable to address the issue at this time.  
Martin O’Kane: Workday to install a flagpole near the office, plan for the children to raise the flag everyday.

### **III. REPORTS**

- a. Student Council Representative - Not present, no report
- b. Teacher Board Round Table – P.E Both Schools  
Sportsmanship Curriculum  
Nathan Snyder and Josh Robles from Phoenix, Justin from Falcon. Fitness testing: cardio (pacer test) strength (modified situp/pushups) and flexibility (trunklifts), in 5th grade and in 7th grade. Healthy fit zones: Expectations by gender and age by California Fitness Website. Sportsmanship: redirection strategy with a poster and sheet to encourage more positive behavior in students and be positive role models in classrooms. Curriculum: TK-1 - learning through play, motor skills. 2-8 - sports, every 5-6 weeks focusing on specific sports, inclusive play. Routine: Cardio strength warmup and then game focus. Equipment is rainbow colored for organization and routine is the same every day. A suggestion came up to bring the sportsmanship sheet to recess.

- c. Phoenix PSC Report: Karen Yorn and Pooja Chopra  
 Open House Tours: 200 families. Emphasizing the positive aspects of parent partnerships, being in the classroom, field trips. Winter Craft Fair had great turnout (from the idea of the German Holiday Market) activities in each room, 100 care packages, vendors, great feedback from the community. Fun Run: Moved the date from March to Nov to see how the community responded to the name and the format change, with obstacles in the field added. Students could do the laps or the obstacles. Feedback: best to have it in May so it doesn't run at the same time of the Fund Drive and other fall events. 80% participation. Community mentors to help new families connected. Scheduling officers for new families in the Fall to give information on PSC. Family dance on Jan 31 at Moreland Gym, Sock Hop is the theme. Spring Auction March 14, Restaurant Night is Feb 2-8, Every night at LeQuay.
- d. Financial Dec. & Jan. Dena Koren - EdTec  
 State Budget 2020-21: Governor's January Proposal.  
 2018-19 Phoenix Audit Recap: Fund balance grew to 59.6% of annual budget last year. 2018-19 Falcon Audit Recap: Huge improvement, even with unrestricted fund balance still slightly negative. Accomplishments: •School leadership/EdTec continuing to work closely to improve budget assumptions •Working with parent volunteers to refine understanding of Scrip program •Clean audit! Next Steps: •Prepare for 2nd interim report •Begin 2020-21 budgeting cycle, with eye on improving Falcon net income •Continue to work through Disco programs to understand programs and refine forecast (e.g., Scrip) •Keep watch on some promising opportunities (e.g., DEC). Goals & Horizon Issues: •Continue to support Falcon in improving forecast (e.g., staffing forecasting, enrollment/ADA forecasting, aides, DEC)
- e. Superintendent/Phoenix Campus Director Report (Debby Perry)  
 We are back from break and have hit the ground running. Phoenix has had annual county review, meeting with staff, board, parents, and students. Next week, Professional Services will be coming to support students and the community on how to cope with grief. Parent Ed will be speaking on Body Image. Opened the sandbox today by alumnus Graham Edelman, an Eagle Scout, who arranged fundraising and building over 2 weekends. Last week was Parent Info Night, lots of parents attended, spoke on Parent Partnerships and chances on getting in. Tours at both Phoenix (200 families) and Falcon. Falcon had 169 applications, Homeschool 17 applications, 294 Phoenix applications. Encouraging numbers. 2 teachers attended Campbell Parent Participation Preschool spoke on our model with other schools to answer questions and give information. Parent Partnership model on how we can't do without them and we encourage parents to share their talents. Fund Drive: \$233,285.45 Phoenix 40%, \$125,831.02 Falcon 38%
- f. Falcon Campus Director Report (Miki Walker)  
 Annual Audit today: Options of parents offering to teach in K-5 and into middle school for Selectives. Miki to let the staff and community know about areas to

grow. School garden: New teacher and new lead and helping with the neighborhood relationship. Facility: There were some roof leaks, but SJ Unified responsive to fix  
February 12: PA101, Similar to Phoenix: will be holding different sessions/breakout sessions, giving parents a wide range of topics to learn about.

#### **IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Act to approve SARC for Phoenix Campus - Debbie Devine gave a presentation on the SARC requirements we do for the State every year. The online dashboard has more information. The information is starting from 2017, coming from the state system.  
Motion to approve SARC for Phoenix Campus by Ms. Lee, and Seconded and Mr. Foisie, Approved 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Foisie.
2. Act to approve SARC for Falcon Campus  
Motion to approve SARC for Falcon Campus by Ms. Lee, and Seconded and Mr. Foisie, Approved 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Foisie.
3. Act to approve 2020-2021 Academic Calendar for Falcon  
Motion to approve 2020-2021 Academic Calendar for Falcon by Ms. Sanchez, and Seconded by Ms. Lee, Approved 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Foisie.
4. Act to approve 2020-2021 Academic Calendar for Phoenix  
Motion to approve 2020-2021 Academic Calendar for Phoenix by Ms. Sanchez, and Seconded by Ms. Lee, Approved 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Foisie.
5. Policy Audit - Discussion/action (Ilan Spieler)  
As per our attorney, 3 draft policies were turned in: Homeless Children, list policies, process will be: Ilan will go over the policies with Debby, and then check in with the attorney deciding which other policies going forward, revisions to go over for process in upcoming meetings.  
  
Ms. Sanchez has left the meeting, with quorum.
6. Strategic Plan – updates and discussion  
Work is ongoing in committees.
7. Minutes pulled from Consent Calendar:  
3E. Santa Teresa should be capitalized.  
3D. Administration misspelled.  
4D. Mr. Speiler changed to Mr. Spieler.  
7D. Change to I Know My Soul  
Motion to approve December 2019 Minutes with change by Mr. Spieler, and Seconded by Mr. Foisie, Approved 3-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Lee, Mr. Foisie.

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

See IV. Item 7.

**VI. 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. Board Operations: None
- b. Reports: Committees/Correspondence/Activities:  
Financial: Mr. Foisie to schedule in the next few weeks. Ms. Lee shared her "Extraordinary Women" recognition from the County of Santa Clara's Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Lee thanked the DCS community for supporting each other through its heartbreaking losses.
- c. Board Calendar: Next Regular Meeting is February 26, Wednesday, 6:30pm
- d. Future Agenda Items  
Policy Audit  
Strategic Plan  
EdTec
- e. Poem of the Month: Ilan Spieler, Matthew Olzmann "My Invisible Horse and the Speed of Human Decency"

**VII. ADJOURN 8:44PM**