REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

Discovery Phoenix Campus, Room 2 - 4021 Teale Ave, San Jose CA
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
President Spieler called meeting to order at 6:30pm

a. President Spieler established the existence of a quorum, with the following members present:
   Present: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, and Mr. Foisie. Absent: Ms. Lee.

b. Approval of Agenda
   On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, and seconded by Mr. Foisie.
   Board moved to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

   c. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spieler.

II. CLOSED SESSION 6:39pm

a. Conference with legal counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (1 case)

III. REPORT CLOSED SESSION 7:05
   President Spieler reported that the Board approved a settlement agreement during closed session.

IV. OPEN SESSION
   Public Comments were as follows:
   a. There was a reminder to send out board packet documents to the Falcon Discovery staff for
      those individuals attending the Board meeting at the second site.
   b. Autumn Talbott had prepared and submitted an Annual Fund Report and asked if the Board
      had questions concerning the annual fund data she had sent. There were no questions, but
      the Board thanked her.
c. Martin informed everyone that our new flag pole was up. Discovery had received a $500 Donation from Apple which made this possible. Debby gave permission for the Irish flag to fly on St. Patrick’s Day.

d. Autumn Talbott told us of a 100 days of school service project that involved making 100 welcome bags for foster children.

V. REPORTS

a. Student Council Representative -Phoenix - delayed. She will report when she arrives.

(Please see: VI. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS, Item i)

b. Round table – 5th grade teachers Falcon

Teachers spoke about the team and how they approach teaching their students. Gave information on what was presented during Parent Academy. Focus this year is on team collaboration. Combining classes together, yet still differentiate for students. Told us about a Historic walk through lesson that integrated knowledge learning combined with actors. 6 different enrichments are currently being offered: cooking, science, wood-working, music, Spanish and logic.

c. Falcon PSC Report

Sarah Snow & Julie reported that March 28 will be the Falcon Auction, in Willow Glen at Hoppas. 135 tickets will be available for the event, which will include a game night theme/tournament with wacky games and skill sets. Event will be casual.

Open Enrollment going on with Open House tours and Info Nights. Over 800 people have attended. 40-60 individuals during tour days. Started in November a grass-root outreach for feeder schools with connections – made parents available with flyers to the following schools: Explorer, Sunnymont, Willow, and Mountain. Friday coffees are successful with 20-40 attending. Spring Fun Fair planning will be next.

d. Financials

Review of the financials for February. No changes in finances this month, and Board had no questions.

e. Superintendent/Phoenix Campus Director Report

Debby Perry – Reported LCAP work in process. A lot of parent education going on – body positive 4 month training to be able to teach, teacher learning disabilities (PHP), parent training for parents and then these activities will go to Falcon campus. A speaker came to talk about death.

Phoenix Auction now will be held at Campbell Community Center on April 18. Cultural event (black history month) walk around & scavenger hunt was held today to build awareness. Toni Sindelar who heads student council will have 5th graders lower and rise flag. We will be flying Irish flag on St. Patrick’s Day. Additionally we have (from the class of 2008 a Mascot flag, a U.S. flag, and a State flag which will all hang at different times. Ms. Perry thanked Sarah and Julie for their help with the set up and pull down for the enrollment events. There was a noticeable number of dads showing up to the events. From those attending the events we received very thoughtful questions.
School Year (SY) 2020/21 Applications. For Falcon campus: 328 applications and 40 home school applications. For Phoenix campus: 526 applications. Falcon will have to make a determination concerning grade levels this year.

Lottery will be held March 18 from 8-9:30am for Phoenix. Board member for Phoenix lottery attendance will be Barbara Eagle. Lottery for Falcon will be held from 2-3:30pm Board member for Falcon attendance will be Christiana Sanchez. A reminder that Feb 28th open enrollment closes.

Teacher Evaluations. This year all teachers are being evaluated at each school. Evaluations will be completed by Feb 28.

**Annual Fund drive status:**
Falcon – Annual Fund currently at $137,598.07 – 42% participation (does not include 56K matching)
Phoenix – Annual Fund currently at $254,966.50 – 43% participation

f. Falcon Campus Director Report
Ms. Walker reported that Falcon campus trialed their first PA101. Executive functioning, anti-bias, and gardening were just a sampling of some of the learning options. They took away a lot of information concerning logistics and will be ready in the Fall to implement.

Summit Charter School Tahoma came and brought with them 2 former DCS students, and 50 parents attended that meeting.

Solar Technology – permit went through on Feb 14, however still awaiting DSA approval. (June 30 deadline)

Falcon campus had a break-in over winter break. There was small loss of some minor items. The staff has now made procedure changes such as, when extended care personnel goes out (after school hours) they now are locking doors.

**VI. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. Act to approve changes to 2020-2021 academic Calendar for Falcon
   On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to approve as amended the date change to the calendar. The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

b. Act to approve changes to 2020-2021 academic Calendar for Phoenix
   On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to approve as amended the date change to the calendar. The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.
c. Act to approve Emergency Plan for Discovery Phoenix Campus
   On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to approve the emergency plan with the addition of the word “phoenix” in the document title. The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie. Superintendent informed the audience that we have our emergency plans in place at the start of every school year, and that due to a recent change in the law, School Board are required to approve plans.

d. Act to approve Emergency Plan for Discovery Falcon Campus
   On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to approve the emergency plan for Falcon. The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

e. LCAP Discussion. Nov – Feb we will be gathering data and stakeholder engagement. March- April we will identify needs & budget development. May final LCAP draft is due, and in June we will hold a public hearing for LCAP and Board approval. Approved LCAP will be submitted to SCCOE. We will be engaging in collaborative discussions with the Discovery community. Ms. Perry explained dashboard to audience and Board. Slides on reports: equity, suspension, english language arts, math, English learner progress, student group reports were reviewed.

f. Formation of Election Committee
   As there are only two Board members who’s terms will not be up this year, Ms. Sanchez volunteered to chair the committee with Ms. Eagle assisting as co-chair. On a motion made by Ms. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to form an Adhoc Election Committee with Ms. Sanchez as chair and Ms. Eagle as co-chair. The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

g. Review and approval of new board policies
   Policy documents presented: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy, Education for Foster and Mobile Youth Policy, Special Education Policy, and Independent Study Policy. Mr. Spieler informed board that he was going to reach out to the Discovery attorneys to alter the policies according to our program needs.

   Policy status:
   Independent Study Policy – waiting revisions
   Special Education Policy – waiting feedback from the County
   Education for Foster and Mobile Youth Policy – need to remove high school references
   Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy – approved.

   On a motion made by Mr. Spieler, seconded by Mr. Foisie, the Board voted to the Education for Homeless Children and Youth now policy # 200226.01 The Board voted to approve motion 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.
h. Status review and discussion regarding Strategic Plan
   Check in with all Board members that they had made revision per our last board discussion.
   Ms. Lee to have her section goals to submit during March meeting.

i. Student Council Representative – Phoenix arrived.
   It was reported that student had a request for an air-conditioned classroom. The student council is also developing a system for raising and lowering the flags. Student store made a profit of +218.77.

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)
Consent Calendar was pulled. Minutes for 1/22/2020 Regular Board Meeting were pulled and a few spelling errors were corrected.

On a motion made by President Spieler and seconded by Ms. Sanchez the Board voted to approve minutes as amended. The Board voted to approve motion. 4-0-0. Aye: Mr. Spieler, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Eagle, Mr. Foisie.

VIII. 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 – no report/activity

   b. Reports: Committees/Correspondence/Activities – none reported

   c. Board Calendar – nothing added

   d. Future Agenda Items
      LCAP Monthly reporting to be included in Director reports starting next month
      Second review of policies presented this evening. Current status:
         Independent Study Policy – waiting revisions
         Special Education Policy – waiting feedback from the County
         Education for Foster and Mobile Youth Policy – removal of High school

   e. Poem of the Month – Read by President Spieler
      Title: The Fossil Record
      Author: Brian Simomeau

VII. ADJOURN
The Board adjourned without objection at 9:08pm