



Governance Council Minutes

Discovery Charter School, in cooperation with parents and the community, will empower students to become healthy, high achieving, life-long learners through the exploration of science and technology.

Date: February 3rd, 2015

In Attendance:

Sue Sewell - Principal
Tonya Roberts - Parent/President
Melody Tadych - Parent
Suzy Zietlow - Teacher
Laura Reetz - Parent
Shane Gille – Parent
Peggy First - Teacher
Jesse Vieau – Community Member
Mary Woodman – Community Member
Stacy Thom - Parent

Meeting called to order at 6:18.

No public comment.

1. **DCS Video** - We looked at the DCS video that was made with grant funds and the Green Schools Network.
2. **DPI Conference** - Tonya and Sue attended in December. Sue shared her PowerPoint about DCS that she presented at the DPI Conference.
3. **Governance Council Professional Development** - Tonya shared her learning from the DPI Conference regarding the varied types of charter schools in the state. She highlighted ways that the DCS Council is unique, referencing the pillars and mission of DCS. DCS has now gained 501c3 (non-stock corporation) status so that it can have a separate budget that is not associated with the Columbus School District generally. Sue reminded the council that there are many opportunities for the council and parents to be involved in schoolwide and classroom endeavors.
4. **Discovery Charter School Activity Plan** - Sue worked with Cheryl Schnell to draft a DCS Governance Council Activity agenda/flow chart. The draft includes Annual and Long Term Planning, Community Partnerships, Event Planning, Policies and Procedures, Charter School Operations, Program Evaluation and Educational Progress.
5. **Strategic Plan** - Mary sent an updated version of the Strategic Plan (Sue upload newest version to the Google Drive shared folder.) The Council reviewed the edits and revisions. Council discussed ways they can work on expanding the school (within K-3), and other ideas. We've achieved green school status. Council discussed ways we can network with other schools and continue disseminating. Council will revisit the Strategic Plan and Tonya will email out assignments for addressing the Strategic Plan objectives in the next weeks before the next regular Council meeting.

