



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.

March 15, 2011

In Attendance:

Christine Adams, President, parent

Joanne Grassman-Principal

Melody Taydch, Parent

Brian Davis-Superintendent

Kathy Sanders, Secretary/Community Member

Peggy First-Teacher

Jeanne Coughlin -Teacher

Tonya Roberts- Parent

Sue Sewell-Principal

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Christine

1. Review of the Minutes With Corrections

Minutes approved by Christine seconded by Melody

- 2. Updates-Sue, The presentation to the Columbus School Board on Discovery Charter School progress and a request to extend the charter for the current grades went very well. Several council members were in attendance. The board will vote on the charter next month, but the outlook for an extension is promising. There is about \$13,000.00 available for technology purchases and the school is looking at purchasing a classroom set of Dell netbooks.**

3. Earth Week-

The Charter Council/Green Team is investigating a possible community service project. One possibility is cleaning up and planting the planter at the park by the train station and possibly cleaning up Kiwanis Park. Jason Lietha has volunteered to help with Discovery School Project. Melody will contact the train station and investigate other projects in the city. Kathy will follow up with Steve Sobiek regarding coordination with city on Arbor Day/Tree City and other green community projects. We are looking at Saturday, April 30th for city and school ground clean up projects.

4. Communication Plan

Open House is May 10-6:00-7:30 PM. It was planned as a celebration of the student's work and an opportunity to have questions answered about the charter school. The suggestion was made that there will be 3rd grade ambassadors who will be in charge of visitor stations. Kathy will provide lanyards and name badges. There was a proposal to invite VIPs and community members. A list will be developed. This would also be a great time to encourage community members to get involved in the charter school through business and learning partnerships. One suggestion is to do a bulletin board with thanks for Community Partners. Jeannie suggested that the students create a flip video of their woods field trip for



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the Hansens. Certificates could be shared as well. The teachers will decide who should receive the certificates and will distribute them.

5. DCS Communication and Outreach-Kathy

Christine will do the School e-newsletter care of Pam Zander and also there should be a president's page on the charter school website. Registration for DCS will close on May 20th. Kathy will talk to Laura Reetz about doing School Talk. Sue will do a presentation for Rotary on April 6th.

- 6. The council reviewed the calendar and committees to see how they need to be updated. The committees could be an avenue for more parent involvement. Council members would chair, and parents would not need to be on the council to participate. At a future meeting the council will look at a plan to encourage expanded parental involvement in charter school activities. The council also needs to have a discussion about board structure and who will be the voting members. There also needs to be an updated listing of what the committee responsibilities are and set a calendar of dates of when events will occur.**

- 7. Motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM by Peggy Seconded by Melody**

<i>Next Regular Meeting 4/19/11</i>
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- Discussion of long range goal for the Charter*
- Governance Policy Review of EL4 and EL 5*
- Develop a plan for community involvement with responsibilities and dates*
- Discuss board structure for voting and calendar*