



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.

August 23, 2011

In Attendance:

Christine Adams, President, parent

Tonya Roberts- Parent

Katie Meister, District Educator

Peggy First-Teacher

Kathy Sanders, Secretary/Community Member

Lacy George-Parent

Suzy Zietlow -Teacher

Sue Sewell-Principal

Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM by Christine Seconded by Kathy

- 1. Review of the July minutes with corrections Minutes approved by Lacy seconded by Peggy**

Updates-Christine and Sue

Christine reviewed an overview of the Council Responsibilities. Christine will update her president's message. Columbus School District is transitioning to CMS4Schools for the district website. Sue did a presentation at the City Council for the school board on the Charter School last month. Peggy and Dawn will be team teaching K and 1 with adjoining rooms. Enrollment has increased in first grade to 24. Suzy attended a Science Futures Workshop, which was very informative.

- 2. Green Team**

The Green Team is hoping that the year gets off to a good start and is excited about projects in the new year.

- 3. Strategic Plan-**

There is a need to solidify curriculum and document. We should look into the possibility of building documentation that would assist with writing a dissemination grant. The purpose of the grant is to showcase accomplishments of the school to help others in their development. DCS will look at innovative developments such as creative scheduling, calendar, and community involvement projects. The council should extend personal invitations to School Board members to visit classrooms and look at the program. It would be good to explore more grant possibilities. We are at the point of brainstorming ideas. Major goals could include: summer school design, charter school focus, calendar, grade expansion, green school status, community communication, community outreach, family Involvement in science activities, grants and funding, and dissemination grant application. DCS should also explore charter school group networking and getting involved with state and national associations. The school could also look



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into building global collaborative projects by utilizing technology and designing specific technology projects aligned to charter curriculum. Kathy will talk to Zach Ferdinand about being a resource.

4. Kathy reviewed the council member wiki and we discussed what content was needed. We will review the wiki in more detail at the September meeting.
5. **Motion to adjourn by Peggy at 7:45PM.** Seconded by Christine

Next Regular Meeting-September 20, 2011

- *Committee Structure.*
- *Wiki Update*
- *Charter School Updates*