



# 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.*

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**Date: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**In Attendance:**

*Sue Sewell – Principal*

*Laura Reetz – Parent*

*Tonya Roberts – Parent/President*

*Stephanie Beaver – Parent*

*Lacy George – Parent*

*Paul Vande Hei – Community Representative*

*Melody Tadych – Parent*

*Katie Kastenson Schmidt – Teacher*

*Suzy Zietlow – Teacher*

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**Meeting called to order at 6:16 PM.**

**January and February minutes approved by Laura, seconded by Tonya.**

No public comment.

1. **Expansion Grant** - The expansion grant is being put on hold for the time being considering the referendum and current administrative responsibilities. Tonya asked how the council could help with the expansion. Sue mentioned that Dr. Davis would be more available to discuss potential expansion after the referendum decision. Sue posed the possible expansion to the School Board recently, which was very supportive of the idea. The goal for the expansion grant would be to spend the next year planning a Planning Grant and apply officially next year.

**Dissemination grant** – Sue discussed that she’s working with Victoria Rydberg on the dissemination grant. DCS will apply for the dissemination grant through the Green Schools Network. The grant would fund a summer academy/camp called No Teacher Left Inside. There would be a strong focus on elementary science education, science notebooks, inquiry and other topics related to NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) and best practices in science education. DCS staff would participate and lead sessions during the camp. In addition, DCS would mentor Fox Lake’s new Charter School. The academy would be about 4 days in the summer of 2014. Money from the grant would be spent on the poly-com system to communicate and share ideas/strategies with the Fox Lake School in addition to other schools. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the dissemination grant. This opportunity would provide professional development to DCS staff, CES staff, and other school groups visiting, etc.

2. **Student Enrollment** – Sue has recognized that some clarification is needed in the language of DCS policies regarding open enrollment, including numbers and deadlines. The deadline for enrollment will be April 30<sup>th</sup> (as opposed to in May after the DCS Open House.) Suzy has updated website and website documents. Council members discussed several options regarding



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the lottery for district and open enrollment. Council members suggested keeping the lottery as is, and capping the number of open enrollment per grade. The Council voted on the following options:

- a. Option 1: Priority to Columbus residents and if any other spots open, then those could be open enrollment.
- b. Option 2: Whole lottery (open and district residents) then cap the number of open enrollment that get into each DCS grade at 2 students.

Council voted 4-3 for Option 2. This will be implemented this year, once approved by the school board. Sue will present this next Monday to the school board.

2. **Contract** – The Council discussed the language regarding siblings of current charter students as well as enrollment after classes are filled and spots remain open. Sue will also update the contract to reflect the vote of the Option 2 stated above. Sue will update this within the contract that is presented to the school board. Sue will also update necessary documents regarding openings in Charter classrooms during the school year.
3. **Council Member Recruitment** – Tonya and Lacy’s memberships end this year. Tonya and Lacy volunteered to continue their terms an additional year. Council voted unanimously to keep Tonya and Lacy on the Council one more year.
4. **Committees** – Tonya mentioned that the Event Planning Committee met this evening. Tonya will send out invitations for Strategic Planning and Community Partnerships meetings in the near future.

Motion to adjourn by Lacy at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Stephanie.

Motion passed.

## ***Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013***

- *Resource Committee Discussion*
- *Committee Meeting Updates*
- *Document/Website Updates*
- *Council Handbook/Google Doc Institutional Memory*
- *DCS Fundraising*