



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: September 23rd, 2014

In Attendance:

Sue Sewell-Principal

Stacey Franze – Parent

Tonya Roberts- Parent/President

Stacy Thom – Parent

Melody Tadych-Parent

Katie Kastenson Schmidt – Teacher

Suzy Zietlow-Teacher

Guests – Jesse Vieau, Mary Woodman

Laura Reetz-Parent

Shane Gille – Parent

Meeting called to order at 6:19 p.m.

June minutes approved by Stacy Thom, seconded by Stacey Franze. Motion passed.

No public comment.

1. **Community Member Positions Open** – Tonya discussed need for a new president, as she will be stepping down. Audrey Kasmiski will help guide the new president as they fill their role.

Introduction of Community Member Applicants

Jesse Vieau– librarian at Madison Public Library, involved in many community and educational partnerships in Madison.

Mary Woodman – child and family studies, outdoor experiential education, currently PA in Beaver Dam, husband serves on Columbus School Board.

2. **Leadership Positions Available – Sub Committees** – Tonya reviewed Sub Committee make-up and roles and need for people. Tonya will contact those interested to fill committee positions.
2. **Annual Report** – Sue reviewed the DCS annual report that was presented to the BOE on September 8th. The DCS contract was renewed with the BOE back in March of 2014. DCS has moved to a Seedling Status in the Green and Healthy Schools Program.
3. **DCS School Report Card** – Both CES and DCS has significantly exceeded expectations from the DPI. DCS ranked 10th in the state, CES ranked 25th in the state for the 2013-2014 school year.
4. **Dissemination Grant Renewal** – The school will continue their curriculum work, hopefully host another NTLI Institute, create a professional lesson/classroom videography, and possibly host Weekend Warrior events. DCS will be going to the DPI Charter Conference in December where DCS staff and council members will present dissemination projects.



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5. **Sue's Professional Development Plan** – Sue shared her Professional Development Plan for the 2014 and 2015 school year. Sue will focus her new PDP on Dissemination Grant efforts.
6. **Strategic Plan** – The current plan is set to end this year. Over the next few months, the council will need to develop a new plan. Tonya suggested the group begin reflecting on a new Strategic Plan and provide feedback and suggestions for the next meetings. The new plan will need to be completed by the end of 2014. Suzy and Katie volunteered to be on the Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee will aim to meet in October to beginning drafting the new plan. Laura suggested looking at the Green School status as an avenue to use in developing the new Strategic Plan. The Council reviewed the focal points of the current Strategic Plan to look for opportunities to utilize our relationship with the Green Schools Network.
7. **Culver's Fundraising Night** – raised \$238 for DCS on Monday September 15th.
8. **Council Vote on Committee Members** – Laura made a motion to appoint Jesse and Mary to council as community members. Stacey seconded. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 28th

- ***Strategic Planning***
- ***Sub-Committee Discussions***
- ***Dissemination Grant Updates***