



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 24th, 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
Dawn Loomis-Vierck - Teacher
Katie Kastenson Schmidt - Teacher
Jesse Vieau – Community Member
Mary Woodman – Community Member
Stacy Thom - Parent*

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.

No public comment.

1. **Approve February 3rd (January 2015 meeting) Minutes** - Motion to approve January 2015 minutes by Stacy T. Seconded by Laura. Motion passed.
2. **Committee Updates** -
 - a. Event Committee - Decided to cancel DCS Winter Fun Day at Astico Park (March 1st) due to lack of snow - will not be rescheduled. NEW DATE for DCS Open House will be Wednesday, April 8th 5:30 - 7:00 as opposed to Thursday, April 9th. Suzy will update the DCS website and Facebook regarding this change.
 - b. Strategic Planning - Worked prior to regular council meeting on completing the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.
3. **Strategic Planning** - Motion to approve 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. Motion passed.
4. **Principal Transition** - Sue and Suzy discussed tasks to address to ensure a successful and smooth transition to a new DCS/CES principal. Cheryl Schnell (Green Schools Network) will be assisting Sue and DCS teachers through the transition. The council will work on Who We



Are documentation as well as Admissions Policies at the next meeting (and via Google Docs in the meantime.) Cheryl has suggested DCS council, Sue and staff work on the following in the next couple of months:

- a. Who We Are (clearly defines roles and expectations of staff, community, principal, council and students)
- b. get feedback from DPI and Barry Golden regarding ways to strengthen DCS's contract with the Columbus BOE
- c. Suzy will update enrollment application to allow families to designate whether child is from a DCS alumni family, etc.

5. **Budget Cuts** - Tonya encouraged council to contact government representatives with questions and concerns regarding proposed budget cuts.

Next Regular Meeting : Tuesday, March 24th

Agenda:

- Who We Are document
- Committee Updates
- BOE Contract - feedback and possible amendments