



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: March 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 6:18 p.m.

No public comment.

1. **Approve February 24th Minutes** - motion to approve February minutes by Suzy. Seconded by Mary. Motion passed.
2. **Committee Updates** -
 - a. **Event Planning** - Open House on Wednesday, April 8th, 5:30-7:00. Peggy will invite BOE members. Sue will get the event in the paper. Stacy T., Jesse, Shane and Laura will plan to be there to answer questions as Governance Council representatives. Suzy will prepare nametags for members that will be present. There will be an info table out regarding volunteering at the garden this summer, plants that will be available as well as information about ordering DCS garments. CES/DCS will be addressing April's theme of Responsibility by cleaning up the school grounds as part of Earth Day celebrations, which will coordinate with the DCS Spring CleanUp on April 26th.
 - b. **Community Partnerships** - will meet prior to the regular council meeting in April.
 - c. **Teacher Updates** -
 - i. Dawn and Peggy went to the National Green School's Conference in Virginia Beach in the beginning of March. They attended sessions about sustainability and other green practices. There were also sessions about playground



structures and spaces that are accessible for students with disabilities. The PTO recently donated \$10,000 towards playground improvements. DCS will work with the PTO to build more green and healthy playground spaces.

- ii. Dawn, Peggy, Katie and Suzy attended the NSTA conference in Chicago earlier in March.
- iii. Kindergarten and 1st grade went to the woods last week with our Field Biologist and were able to see the pumpkin decomposition and returning migrating birds and other signs of spring.
- iv. 2nd grade is working in a PLTW module - Properties of Matter. Katie will have her students make stop-motion videos on the phases of matter.
- v. 3rd grade is finishing weather and water studies. Students are sharing their research projects as Blog posts and collaborating in Google Docs to summarize the findings of their experiments that were conducted at school and Astico Park.

3. **Enrollment and Admissions Policies/Procedures** - The council worked through revisions to the enrollment policies/procedures as outlined in the [DCS Admissions/Contract Addendum](#).

The council will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:15 p.m. to conduct the admissions lottery.

4. **Contract Addendums** - The council worked through the sections of the contract addendums.

Motion to approve [DCS Admissions/Contract Addendum](#) by Shane. Seconded by Laura.

Motion passed. Suzy will make convention edits and submit to Sue who will then submit it to the BOE for approval.

Next Regular Meeting : Tuesday, April 28th

Agenda:

- ***Contract Addendum BOE approval***
- ***Treasurer Position and Responsibilities***
- ***DCS Structure and Interpretive Guideline Document (Who We Are)***