

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: August 4th, 2015

In Attendance:

*Beth Hellpap - Principal
Suzy Zietlow - Teacher
Dawn Loomis-Vierck - Teacher
Peggy First - Teacher
Melissa Wimmeler - Teacher
Jesse Vieau – Parent Member
Stacy Thom - Community Member
Shane Gille - Parent
Melody Tadych - Parent Guest
Laura Reetz - Parent/President
Martha Rule - Parent Applicant
Samantha Rose - Parent Applicant
Derek Berget - Parent Applicant*

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

No public comment.

Approve June Minutes - Minutes were not taken in June.

Parent Member Introductions

- Martha spent time in Peggy's classroom this past school year and really enjoyed volunteering. She is willing to help and organize within the Governance Council.
- Samantha recently joined the Columbus Pool Board. She is eager to be more involved in the community.
- Derek's eldest son went through DCS. He has three more children entering school in the future and is looking forward to helping in the charter program.

Teacher Updates

Peggy shared about No Teacher Left Inside. Melissa, Peggy, Dawn, Suzy and Sue spent a week at Conserve School up in Land 'O Lakes last week. They learned about GIS (geology information systems), apps for use in the field (like tree identification), desktop aquaponics, beekeeping and were able to collaborate with other schools and teachers regarding project-based and environmental education. Peggy will be contacting Charlie from beepods.com to see about getting him to visit to present to DCS students about beekeeping.

Summer School

Suzy taught two sections of Coding for Kids and two sections of Elementary Engineering. DCS and CES 2nd and 3rd grade students were able to attend the classes. Students in coding explored basic coding apps like Kodable and Tynker, as well as the code.org website. Students in engineering explored package, chemical and space engineering.

Melissa taught Step Up to Kindergarten, Math Fun and Green Thumb.

Treasurer Role and Responsibilities

Mary is the treasurer and statements will be sent to her home address. Suzy made a deposit from greenhouse plant sales in June. Mary wrote a check to Dawn Davis for our sponsorship for the July 1st Movie Night at the Park. Jesse will lead efforts to seek grant funding for DCS projects. DCS teachers will get a list of needs/wants to Jesse before the regular Council meeting on August 24th.

Committee Updates

Event Committee met before the regular meeting and scheduled several events.

- DCS Fall Soup Social (open to all DCS AND CES families), Sunday, September 27th @CES, 11:30 - 1:30
- Fall Clean Up, Saturday, October 17th, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- Winter Fun Day, Saturday, January 9th @ Astico County Park, 1-3 p.m.
- DCS Spring Clean Up, Sunday, April 24th, 1-3 p.m.
- DCS Open House, Thursday, April 14th (tentative)
- Melody is going to schedule a Culver's Night in September and May and will let us know the specific dates
- Suzy is going to schedule a Family Science Night somewhere in the 2nd half of May so that we can have event to bolster plant sales.
- Peggy is going to contact Charlie from beepods.com to schedule a visit and presentation for all District families, hopefully in November.

Beth's PDP

Beth shared her DCS PDP for the 2015-2016 school year.

Goal 1 - continue to attend meetings, attend events as DCS/CES principal, sustain, read and understand DCS council documents

Goal 2 - lead, utilize Cheryl to understand DCS goals and documents, continue to push Charter school into excellence

Annual Report

Sue is finalizing the Annual Report. It will be presented to the BOE this month. Suzy will create a video highlighting DCS accomplishments for the presentation.

Motion to adjourn by Jesse at 7:41.

Seconded by Stacy. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting - August 24th at 6:15 in CES Conference Room