

Discovery Academy of Science
VIRTUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2021 Minutes
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698
Saturday, 8:30 am

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- [Approval of 11/07/2020 board meeting minutes](#)
- 4- [Principal remarks](#)
- 5- [Public remarks](#)
- 6- Review/discussion of finances (Ending December 30,2020)
 - [Recent financial reports, ending December 2020](#)
 - [PPP forgiveness application](#) update
- 7- Covid-19 updates - discussion item
 - Recent quarantine updates - 11 classes were under quarantine
 - [Quarantine letter](#)
- 8- Winter MAP scores data update for the Governing Board- Review Item
 - [Document link](#)
- 9- Staffing recommendations and out of field approval request.
 - Dean of Students Mr. Prindle's last day of school is February 19th
 - Mrs. Jessica Lykon is the new Dean of Students, effective Feb 22
 - **Ms. Emma Graham, Intensive Reading Teacher**
 - **Request for board approval for out of field teaching assignment for ESOL endorsement**
 - Ms. Katie Ewing- 3rd-grade teacher
- 10- Professional development opportunity for DAS Governing Board
 - [Free registration available](#)
- 11- Facility updates
 - [North campus lease is now extended for another five years](#)
 - Request for installing a shade into the PE area.
 - Financed up 75K\$ over five years
 - [Quote study-1](#) - fabric cover
 - [Quote, Study-2](#) - fabric cover
- 12: Approval of Dr. Hasan Nazik Board Membership.
- 13- Closure of the meeting Saturday, May 29th for the next board meeting tentatively. 8:30 am

Additional Information
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Agron Elmazi

Fatih Demir

Fethullah Caliskan

Hasan Nazik

Issues/ Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Mr. Fatih Demir
2. Approval of agenda items; Mr. Demir wanted to add an agenda item regarding the new board membership position.
 - Motion: Approve the add-on agenda item #12 for Dr. Nazik's board membership. Mr. Demir presented Dr. Nazik's resume to the board members. Dr. Nazik is an Assistant Professor at the National University of Health Sciences in Pinellas County. He has three kids attending DAS in grades, K, 4th, and 6th. He is also a Pinellas County resident.
 - Second: Mr. Elmazi
 - Vote: Yes-3
No-0
3. Approval of last board meeting minutes
 - Motion Approval of the November 7th, 2020 board meeting minutes Mr. Demir
 - Second Dr. Caliskan
 - Vote Yes-3
No-0
4. Principal remarks: Mr. Akbaba updated board members about the following items. Mr. Akbaba gave updates were as below.

Enrollment update: 499 students in total----FTE date certain, Feb 12th

South campus:112

North campus:387

Grade level distribution

Grade	Enroll
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KG	53
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01	59
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02	50
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03	54
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04	63
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05	62
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06	57
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07	58
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08	43
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Total	499
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New enrollment season

451 applications received as of Feb 13th

Lottery held on Jan 25th, parents fill out the paperwork

MAP testing completed - makeups in progress

Data shared with DOE per executive order, for live progress monitoring purposes

Spring Education Plan

Allows the school to provide both learning models to families

Teacher salary increase updates

No funds received yet

PVO fundraising started yesterday to support student activities year long, such as competition teams, PBIS, teacher appreciation awards, parent activities

Updates on the recent staffing issues

5. Public remarks- no public remarks were made in this session. public asked to email principal Akbaba for public comments to be read during the virtual board meeting. Asst. Principal Mr. Melihcan Duman was also in attendance at the board meeting. He didn't make any public comments.
6. Review/discussion of finances. Mr. Akbaba and Mr. Demir presented the recent financial reports to the board members. All reports reviewed. Mr. Akbaba addressed the balance questions. The school is in a positive balance in the amount of \$177,437.68 as of December 31, 2020.
Mr. Demir presented the board with a PPP payroll protection loan forgiveness document. With the help of the PPP, DAS did not let go of any employees last Spring during school closures. The amount of forgiveness is \$444,363. Mr. Akbaba asked the CPA the status of the loan in the audit document. CPA responded that the amount will be added to the income statement FY ending June 30, 2021.

7. Covid-19 updates - discussion item

Mr. Akbaba explained the nature of the recent quarantines. All classes in grades 2-5 were under quarantine for 9 school days. Quarantine ended on February 8th. All cases reported to DOH and the school district. Mr. Akbaba also mentioned that before making the quarantine decision official to the parents, the charter school district was also notified about the quarantines.

8. Winter MAP scores data update for the Governing Board- Review Item.
Mr. Akbaba presented the winter MAP testing result broken down by each grade level. He explained the spring education plan submitted to the state to be able to continue to serve parents in both learning modalities, f2f and E-learning 2.0. DAS Spring Education Plan is approved by the school district.

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Board members reviewed the recent changes on the staffing list. Mr. Akbaba requested board approval for Ms. Emma Graham out of field retroactively to January 8th, 2021

Motion by Mr. Elmazi: Approval of the out of field assignment for Graham for ESOL

Second	Dr. Caliskan
Vote	Yes-3
	No-0

10. Professional development opportunity for DAS Governing Board
Board members reviewed the professional development opportunity announced by state school choice office director Graham Dekayan. Interested board members will sign up for the training.
11. Facility updates.
Mr. Akbaba explained that the second five-year lease is executed by the north campus landlord and DAS board. Mr. Akbaba is also actively looking for a newer facility to meet the needs of our school.
Mr. Akbaba is meeting with Taylor Smith to look for possible school sites.
Mr. Akbaba asked the board members to allow him to build a share for the PE court. He asked the funds to be up to \$75,000. Mr. Akbaba is currently seeking quotes from different vendors.
The school already have two quotes. Board members reviewed the proposals.

12. Approval of Dr. Nazik board membership.

Motion by Mr. Demir: Approval of the Dr. Nazik board membership

Second Dr. Caliskan

Vote Yes-3

No-0

13. Closure of the meeting: Board Member presented May 29th as the next board meeting date. Mr. Akbaba will publish the date at the school offices and the school website for public participation.

Board Members

Fatih Demir, Fethullah Caliskan, Agron Elmazi, Hazan Nazik