

Discovery Academy of Science
VIRTUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
November 7th, 2020 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 09/05/2020 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks
- 6- Discussion Item: Possible school site development with Primerica Group One Inc. and the City of Dunedin Ec. Dev.
- 7- Request for Approval: Mrs. Julie Bradbury, "Computer Science Teacher " PERM application recommendation.
Certified to teach computer science for K-12
Develops computer science curriculum based on state standards.
Lead school robotics team for FLL and supports Jr. FLL
Fees agreement
- 8- Review/discussion of finances (Ending September 30)
Recent financial reports, ending September 2020
ESSER Grant reimbursement request review
Expenses by vendor summer-monthly
PPP forgiveness application
- 9- Covid-19 updates - discussion and review
4 positive cases since the school opening. 3 staff 1 student
DOH recommended class quarantine for three of the cases.
Officials cases are reported at <https://www.pcsb.org/COVID19Cases>
New procedures to report cases and school/class/closure guidelines.
- 10- Discussion of annual goals set in collaboration with school and Dr. Ray, charter school data analyst representative.
2019-20 evaluation results
2020-21 goals
- 11- Veterans Day Recognitions
John Hannon US Coast Guard from 2003-2009 Honorable discharge, Biology Teacher
Ronda Ory-Lettie as a Navy Musician (flutist) from 1989 to 2009. U.S. Naval Academy
- 12- Closure of the meeting Saturday, February 13th for the next board meeting tentatively. 8:30 am

Additional Information
Discovery Academy of Science
Saturday, November 7, 2020 9:00 am

Derya Yildirim

Agron Elmazi

Fatih Demir

Fethullah Caliskan

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:
Motion: Approve agenda items Mr. Demir

Second: Mr. Elmazi
Vote: yes-4
No-0

3. Approval of last board meeting minutes

Motion Approval of the September 5th, 2020 board meeting minutes Mr. Demir
Second Dr. Caliskan
Vote Yes-4
No-0
Vote Yes-4
No-0

4. Principal remarks: Mr. Akbaba updated board members about the following items.

Mr. Akbaba gave updates were as below.

- Enrollment update 506 students by October FTE
- 66 % face to face instruction 34 % E-Learning 2.0
- The master schedule is edited to fit the needs of incoming students, mostly in middle grades 6th and 7th
- Still looking to hire an intensive reading specialist, to replace Mrs. Carrie Cochran
- A total of 4 covid cases reported 3 staff and one student so far
- TSA update, waiting for funds to be released from the state. The district had a few feedback and we responded with Mr. Demir to Amy Hayes
- The Charter school director has changed at the district level, Amy Hayes is the new charter school director now.
- We continue to have AAD drills with procedural reviews, instead of a full evacuation or similar.
- We accommodate everyone who requested before care of aftercare.
- No after school clubs until the pandemic is over.
- We did install a full perimeter fence upon the recommendation of Pinellas County Sheriff's office.
 - Planning to seek to install a shade into the north campus PE field.

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.

6. Discussion Item: Possible school site development with Primerica Group One Inc. and the City of Dunedin Ec. Dev. Mr. Akbaba updated the board members regarding the meeting that took place on Tuesday, November 3rd. Board members discussed the preliminary budget for the project. The project will be on hold per the board's discussions. No motion was made.

7. Request for Approval: Mrs. Julie Bradbury, "Computer Science Teacher " PERM application recommendation. Mr. Akbaba requested board members to approve Mrs. Bradbury PERM application for a longer-term hire. Board members discussed the item.

Motion: Approve the item-7 Mr. Demir
Second: Dr. Caliskan.
Vote: Yes-4
No-0

8. Request Review/discussion of finances (Ending September 30). Board members reviewed the finances. The school is doing good. The expenditure reports reviewed and all positive by the end of September 2020. ESSER grant expenditures were discussed. A monthly vendor summary report is also discussed. PPP loan application is reviewed and approved for forgiveness application.

9. Covid-19 updates were discussed by Principal Akbaba. DAS had 4 positive cases. DAS continues to enforce the mask rule for all students and staff.
10. Discussion of annual goals set in collaboration with school and Dr. Ray, charter school data analyst representative. Mr. Akbaba presented the annual academic goals to the board for review. DAS is meeting its goals established by the school district with 80% or more.
11. Veteran's day recognition. The two staff members were recognized for the veteran's day. DAS board agreed to give both a \$250 check. Motioned by Mr. Demir, seconded by Dr. Caliskan. Approved unanimously.
12. Closure of the meeting: Board Member presented February 13th 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 decided to conduct meeting virtually due to COVID-19.

Board Members

Fatih Demir, Derya Yildirim, Fethullah Caliskan, Agron Elmazi