

Discovery Academy of Science  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Saturday, April 9, 2022, 9:00 am  
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Approval of 01/25/2022 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks

#### FACILITIES

1. Approval of the Nursery campus closing documents
  - a. Bond purchase agreement
  - b. Purchase sale agreement
  - c. Developer agreement, Project Finance Dev LLC
  - d. Design-Build Agreement, Southcrest Construction LLC
  - e. The lease agreement between Galaxy Education Property Holdings LLC and Galaxy Education Inc.
2. Updates about the 2465 Nursery Rd campus project.
  - a. Re-platting of the land is required due to a city processing error.
    - i. Re-platting is completed with no issues and confirmed by the council at April 8th council meeting.
  - b. The city of Clearwater ordered a new traffic impact study for additional traffic measures on Nursery Rd.
    - i. Potential three months plus delay on the construction schedule
    - ii. Potential negative impact on the construction budget
    - iii. Request to use cash reserved if needed
      1. Amount to be approved by the board in an emergency meeting
3. Proposal to the current landlord for the DAS Dunedin Campus (K-5)
  - a. Request to negotiate up to 18 months no lease payment in return for a long-term renewal for 15 years
    - i. Request for updated ADA access for the building
    - ii. Add a playground instead of the portable classrooms in the front yard.
  - b. No renewal; keep the existing lease and buyout or sublease without opening the elementary school

#### FINANCE:

1. Financial reports
2. Profit loss by Feb 2022
3. Balance sheet as of Feb 2022
4. Expenses by the vendor summary, July to Feb
5. Budget amendment-3
6. FY ending June 30, 2022,
7. Admin professional development program - Link
  - a. Why is it needed and important?
  - b. Request for approval of the policy

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

No new items were introduced.

## EDUCATION

1. Spring Benchmark Scores review
2. 3rd grades
3. Staffing recommendations
  - a. Mr. Mark Skrzyszowski CIVICS and Social Studies Teacher
  - b. Ms. Sheriah Filipponi - Sub Teacher

## BOARD ADMINISTRATION

1. Review of the DAS Governing Board by Laws. link to existing bylaws.
2. High Performing Charter School Replication- Discovery Academy of Science - Dunedin Campus
3. Approval of the amendment to the charter contract signed March 22, 2022, PSCB - Action item
4. Principal Akbaba's role in the expansion of Discovery Academy of Science  
Executive Director/Principal  
Continue leading the existing school as a principal and assume the roles of DAS Dunedin Campus and lead the new campus project on Nursery Rd.  
Executive director of Galaxy Education Property Holdings LLC  
Currently co-signer with President Mr. Demir for the new bank account.
5. Closure of the meeting. Saturday, June 25, 2022, 10:00 am for the next board meeting tentatively. Action Item

Additional Information  
Discovery Academy of Science  
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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 9:30 am by Mr. Fatih Demir.
2. Approval of agenda items; Mr. Demir asked if any board member wanted to add an agenda item.  
Motion: Approval of the agenda items as presented.  
Second: Dr. Nazik  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
3. Approval of 01/25/2021 board meeting minutes  
Board members reviewed the minutes.  
Approval of previous board meeting minutes; Mr. Demir asked if any board members if there were any reviews. no reviews or changes proposed.  
Motion: Approval of the meeting minutes as presented.  
Second: Dr. Caliskan  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
4. Principal Akbaba Remarks: Mr. Akbaba had the following titled remarks at the meeting.  
the main titles are as follows:
5. FLDOE will be switching to a different statewide assessment system next year. 3rd-8th
6. graders will take the current state assessment for the last time. Once we have more
7. information, we will share it with all parents.

8. Please encourage your child in grades K-5 to exceed or meet the AR goal. Contact your child's
9. teacher if you have any questions about your child's AR points and goals.
- 10.
11. Spring MAP assessment will be on April 18-22. We will check if the students have met their
12. growth goals for the year. You can encourage your child to review and work on their Study
13. Island MAP learning path. This program is designed to address the deficiencies and
14. enrichment areas that your child can improve. All students can login to school online
15. resources with their google accounts.
- 16.
17. Elementary Science Olympiad is busy getting ready for their competition on April 30th!
18. SeaPerch students have finished building their underwater ROV's and are gearing up for their
19. upcoming competition on April 23rd
- 20.
21. Congratulations again to our Science Olympiad Winners at the regional science olympiad competition.
22. Enes Nazik, Irem Akbaba, Gold Medal in Electric Wright Stuff
23. Esra Nazik, Alay Said Electric Wright Stuff Silver Medal
24. Claire Masinovski Gold Medal Bottle Rocket
- 25.
26. DAS FLL Robotics team competed in the Regional Championship this past weekend against 32 other
- teams and earned The Rising Star Award! The Rising Star Award is given to a team comprised of team
- members who the judges notice and expect great things from; only six awards were given out on the day
- to teams.
- 27.
28. On Friday, a day before the tournament during our school practice, two motors and two ports on our
- robot blew; 3 of the team members stayed and rebuilt the entire robot using old equipment and motors,
- all the programs had to be re-coded, but on the day our robot placed our team 12th in the robot gaming
- scoring a very impressive 170
- 29.
30. Congratulations to the following students who earned a Super Achievement award in Math League!
31. Willow Murphy
32. Kelton Moore
33. JaVaughn Jones
34. Caleb Weber
35. Emmorie Barnes
36. Peyton DeBose
37. Anjelyn Martinez
38. Gavin Bellavia
39. Matthew Jump
- 40.
41. DAS STEM FAir was held on February 24th I want to congratulate the winners.

#### **2nd & 3rd Grade**

**1st: Clara H.**

**2nd: Hugo S.**

**3rd: Idriz H.**

**Honorable Mentions:**

**Cole H. & Eli A.**

#### **4th & 5th Grade**

**1st: Biko B.**

**2nd: Ian R.**

**3rd: Reece S.**

**Honorable Mentions:**

**Bryce B. & Aedan S.**

#### **Middle School**

**1st: Jace B.**

**2nd: Mariana C. & Valentina Z.**

**3rd: Collin Stebick**

**Honorable Mentions:**

**Hunter S. & Aiden R. & Aaron Z.**

- 42.
- 43.
44. Congratulations to our FLL Robotics Team! They won the Core Values Award and have qualified to go
- to the next round of competitions. They will compete at regionals March 5
- 45.

46. Our Kindergartener's visited the Clearwater Aquarium today! 2nd - 8th graders will receive information early next week regarding their upcoming field trips. We are just working out a few final items.
- 47.

5. Public remarks: no comments were made by the public

### **Facilities:**

1. Approval of the Nursery campus closing document.  
Board members reviewed the closing document
  - Bond purchase agreement
  - Purchase sale agreement
  - Developer agreement, Project Finance Dev LLC
  - Design-Build Agreement, Southcrest Construction LLC
  - Lease agreement between Galaxy Education Property Holdings LLC and Galaxy Educaiton Inc.Motion: Approval of the facilities item-1  
Second: Dr. Caliskan  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
2. Updates about the nursery campus project timeline  
Mr. Akbaba mentioned the current timeline with the additional traffic study ordered by the city of clearwater to mitigate the additional traffic that will be caused by the school on Nursery Rd. The board will closely monitor the permit and TIS pending additional financial and legal action.
3. Proposal of the current landlord for DAS north campus  
DA board plan to open a new elementary school at its curls location after relocating to Nursry rd campus. Board will need a gap lease agreement where it won't pay rent during the transition. after the TIS is finalized, DAS board will make offers to the church for consideration.

### **Finance**

1. Review of financial statements.  
Mr. Akbaba presented the latest financial statements and board members reviewed them. The year and is still projected a surplus.
2. Budget amendment-3  
Mr. Akbaba presented the budget amendment for approval.  
Motion: Approval of the finance item-2  
Second: Dr. Caliskan  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
3. Admin professional development policy  
Due to the changes in administration Mr. Akbaba requested the new admin personnel to work on the leadership master program which cost to be paid by the school, based on he policy guidelines.  
  
Motion: Approval of the finance item-3  
Second: Dr. Nazik  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0

## **Health and Safety**

1. No new items were introduced.

## **Education**

1. Spring MAP scores review: Mr. Akbaba presented the MAP scores from the Winter MAP assessment. The students performed well.
2. Staff recommendations
  - Mr. Akbaba presented the new staff added to the school after the January board meeting for approval.  
Motion: Approval of the education item-2  
Second: Dr. Nazik  
Vote: Yes-3  
No-0

## **BOARD GOVERNANCE**

1. 1- Review of the DAS Governing Board by laws
  - a. Per Dr. Caliskan's request Galaxy Education in by laws were reviewed
2. High performing charter school replication. DAS Dunedin Campus
  - a. DAS plans to open a new charter school campus in its current location after relocating to nursery rd.
3. Approval of the charter amendment signed on March 22, 2022
  - a. this is the amendment allows the school to operate in three locations for the next school year.
    - i. Motion: Approval of the board governance item-3
    - ii. Second: Dr. Demir
    - iii. Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
4. Principal Akbaba's role in the expansion of DAS.
  - Board renamed Mr. Akbaba as the Principal and Executive Director of DAS and Galaxy Education Property Holdings LLC
  - Motion: Approval of the board governance item-4
  - Second: Dr. Demir
  - Vote: Yes-3  
No-0
5. 2. Closure of the meeting. Board members agreed to meet on June 25 at 9 am.

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Board Members

Fatih Demir, Fethullah Caliskan, Hazan Nazik