

Discovery Academy of Science
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Saturday, Sep 4, 2021, 8:30 am
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Approval of 05/29/2021 & 06/11/2021 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks

FACILITIES

DAS campus expansion to Nursery Rd. location.
PSA review. Update from Attorney Melissa Arnold via ZOOM
Mr. Akbaba is authorized to sign per June 11th board meeting.
Bond financing updates - Wes From Ziegler via ZOOM
Bond Timeline - closing on Nov 24, 2021
Project timeline - Updates from Mark Hazard from SouthCrest Construction
Update on the 3rd-floor water damage from roof leak on August 9th.

FINANCE:

Financial reports
Preliminary audit document fiscal year ending June 2021
Recent financial statements, July 2021
Budget Amendment #1 fiscal year ending June 2022 - Action Item

HEALTH & SAFETY

Covid-19 updates - discussion item
Masks are not required for the 2021-22 school year.
Notice of executive order from Governor's desk
Updates from Attorney General Ashley Moody's office
Approval of the security detail contract for traffic management on Curlew and St. Marks Dr. - Action Item

EDUCATION

School grade analysis
Approval of school grade opt-in document.- Action Item
Review academic goals from PCSB
Charter school site visit document review.
Out of field approvals Action Item
Eric Barnett in field math and science out of field Biology
Lucas Owenin field for music K-12 out of field for Elementary Education
Mollie Carroll is in field for Elem. Ed K-6 OOF for ESOL
Sharlyn Cassidy in field for Primary Ed. age3- Grade-3, OOF for ESOL
Sara Pike is in field for English 6-12 OOF for ESOL

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The departure of board member Agron Elmazi

Seeking two board members.

Closure of the meeting. Saturday, December 3rd, 2021 8:30 am for the next board meeting tentatively. Action Item

Additional Information
Discovery Academy of Science
Saturday, June 11, 2021, 6:30 pm

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 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 5/29 and 6/11 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 changed 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:
 - PE Court update
 - Bricks are to be moved to the new campus
 - Construction completed
 - We ordered beam protectors \$1500
 - Enrollment update
 - 498 students
 - Started with 511
 - Lost some due to mask and COVID concerns.
 - Made budgetary adjustments to be approved in the next board meeting.
5. Public remarks:
The parent of a 5th-grade student (B.A) had comments regarding vaccines, mask mandates, and the school's readiness on COVID response.

Facilities:

1. DAS Campus relocation and expansion
DAS attorney Melissa Arnold updated the board members on the most recent status of the PSA with Unity Church of Clearwater.
Mr. Akbaba is authorized to sign the PSA per board approval

Wes from Ziegler finance updated the board members on the status of the bond financing. Board members discussed possible closing scenarios pending closing time. The school move-in date is also discussed.

Mark Ezzard from Souhhcrest GC updated the board members on the construction timeline.

2. Mr. Akbaba explained the unfortunate roof leak incident in detail and the landlord's response as well as the school's response.

Health and Safety

1. Covid updates: Mr. Akbaba updated the board members on the covid safety protocols.
DAS started its own web link for case tracking.
DAS Covid Coordinator Amy keeps track of all cases in a master file and shares it with DOH,
DAS posts all positive cases with parents.
2. Approval of the security detail contract for traffic management on Curlew and St. Marks Dr. -
Due to the accident that took place on Curles rd during dismissal time, the DAS board wanted to hire a traffic guard provided by the PCSO. Mr. Akbaba contacted PCSO and renewed the contract and requested board approval on it. This will allow a swift and safer dismissal process for the neighborhood and all stakeholders at DAS including a landlord.
Motion: Approval of the contract with PCSO
Second: Dr. Caliskan
Vote: Yes-3
No-0

Education

1. School grade analysis: Mr. Akbaba updated board members on the school grades and their subcategories.
DAS showed great performance on FSA especially in Math and Math learning gains for all subgroups.
2. Approval of school grade opt-in document. DAS is projected to be an A grade school. All board members were in agreement along with Principal Akbaba for school grades to be officially released by FLDOE
Motion: Approval of the school grade opt-in document.
Second: Dr. Nazik
Vote: Yes-3
No-0
3. Review of academic goals for 2022-23 school year.
Board members reviewed the document prepared by the charter school office, Dr. Ray, and the DAS administration.
4. Charter school office site visit document: Mr. Akbaba presented site visit document by the director of charter school Amy. She came to school back in June 2021 and had a compliance visit. All items were in compliance.
5. Out of field teacher assignment approvals
Motion: Approval of the OOF assignments
Second: Dr. Nazik
Vote: Yes-3
No-0

BOARD GOVERNANCE

1- Departure of board member Agron Elmazi.

Due to his new job requirements, he won't be able to serve as a board member. DAS board will replace him by the end of the school year.

2. Closure of the meeting. New board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December but will need to be adjusted based on the closing for the bond. Board members want to review the final documents before closing.

Board Members

Fatih Demir, Fethullah Caliskan, Hazan Nazik