

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred

Governing Board Meeting Minutes 10/12/2021

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Aimee Diaz	Community Member
Nancy Daley	Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Mary Pulse	Secretary

Aimee Diaz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING **Election of Chair/Officers**

After discussion and careful consideration of all nominees, Nancy Daley nominated the following members for the Board to continue in their positions:
Chair – Aimee Diaz, President/Treasurer – Carol Fulks, Secretary – Mary Pulse.
Doretha Tillman seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Welcome – Aimee Diaz – Board Chair

Welcome new board members, Charlotte Butler & Doretha Tillman
Welcome teacher of the year representative Aaron McElwee

Minutes

A motion was made by Charlotte Butler to accept the 8/10/21 minutes as written.
Nancy Daley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

George Miarecki, CPA, reviewed the financial statements with the Board line item by line item.

Miarecki then talked about the PPP loan and that is being forgiven so the loan will shortly be transferred from a liability to income.

Board Approved
1-11-2022
Date

Mr. Miarecki said Food Services received money for NSLP to make up for time school was closed due to COVID. We will need to spend down that money by replacing some old equipment.

Mr. Miarecki said the actual vs budget is on target. Expenses are a little over what is normally spent at the beginning of the year but Mr. Miarecki is not concerned. We are under budget on operations, we budgeted 16% and we are at 12%..

Charlotte Butler asked if there are any state funds available? Mr. Miarecki said yes we are eligible for a few grants due to the size of our school.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the current enrollment for Discovery Academy is at 951 students with 6th grade waiting list at 81. There are 316 6th graders, 304 7th graders and 331 8th graders.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions. Nancy Daley made the motion to accept the Personnel Actions and Charlotte Butler seconded it.

Mrs. Fulks presented the board member responsibilities and bylaws. Aimee Diaz said she and the other board members will review and discuss at the January meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Warren gave a Title 1 update. There are three family meetings planned. The first one will address how to get parents more involved. The 2nd meeting will be about FSA information and the 3rd is High School 101 - what to expect.

Mr. Warren said the virtual meetings are better attended and they are receiving more feedback then in person meetings. They are using the feedback for the end of year survey.

Open Enrollment will be held November 1-15, 2021. Mrs. Fulks said there are meetings being set up with the feeder schools.

New Business

N/A

Board Member Report

Nancy Daley asked why we have two different open enrollment dates. Mr. Warren addressed this question saying the middle school tries to stay ahead of the district. DHS is later to ensure we get all 8th graders over for a tour before open enrollment.

Charlotte Butler asked what happens now that the Governor say no more state testing.

Mrs. Fulks said we will follow what PCSB does in regard to testing.

Mr. Warren added that 2021-2022 will remain the same but we are unsure at this time what will happen in the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Daley thanked Aaron McElwee for bringing the Leadership Discovery Team to the Lake Alfred City Hall, Fire and Police Departments.

Mr. McElwee said the staff is still feeling the sting of COVID. He said students want clubs to return since sports has fully returned to normal.

Mr. McElwee also asked why the staff does not have bereavement days like the county does for their employees?

Mrs. Daley asked this be added to the January agenda. She said bereavement days should have a criteria; i.e. 3 days given if you are the person making the arrangements or need to travel for services.

Mrs. Fulks said she will gather more information before the next board meeting.

Aimee Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2022
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy
of Lake Alfred Media Center