

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
6-21-2022

The following members were present:

Carol Fulks	Executive Director/Treasurer
Nancy Daley	Chairperson/Community Member
Charlotte Butler	Community Member
John Taylor	Community Member
Doretha Tillman	Community Member
Mary Pulse	Secretary

Nancy Daley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Charlotte Butler to accept the 3/8/22 minutes as written. Doretha Tillman 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.

Mr. Miarecki the bus loan is down to \$211,000.

Mr. Miarecki also said that we are owed money by Title one and we have \$20,000 cash on hand from the IDEA grant.

Nancy Daley asked if the middle school is still eligible for Title 1 and Mr. Miarecki said yes, they are.

Mrs. Daley questioned if most DALA students go on to DHS why aren't they Title 1 as well? Mr. Warren answered by saying the fact that students 18 and older are not counted has hurt us a lot.

Another factor that hurt with free/reduced lunch applications is that since 2021-2022 was a COVID year, all students were free so parents did not need to apply to get free lunches.

The Dining Hall has \$477,000 in emergency funds from COVID that must be used. They will use these funds to buy new equipment for the kitchen.

We have 29% left in the Personnel Services budget.

The teacher salary funding and ESSER grant are still awaiting the arrival of funds.

All of the 2021-2022 Title 1 funds will be spent by 6/30/22.

The contract with SLA Management has been resigned for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Miarecki said the actual budget vs the projected budget has 16.7% left in revenue. The reason for this is that we have 87 less students than projected.

We have 22.2% left in budget for salaries and staff training. We were only projected to have 10% remaining.

June expenditures are usually lower than the other months of the year.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the beginning enrollment for Discovery Academy will be 901 students, 312 in 6th grade, 297 in 7th grade and 292 in 8th grade. We are in the process of reaching out to those parents whose student has been accepted but they have not yet committed to coming to DALA. There is already a waiting list of 269 students.

Mrs. Fulks then presented the personnel actions. The personnel actions were put to a vote and Charlotte Butler voted to accept, seconded by Doretha Tillman. The Personnel Actions were passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Mrs. Fulks said the Title 1 allocation for 2022-2023 is \$249,971.92.

Mrs. Fulks and Mr. Warren reviewed the Title 1 Compact for Learning and Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Doretha Tillman made the motion to accept both plans, Charlotte Butler seconded both motions and it was passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Mrs. Fulks presented the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates. Charlotte Butler made a motion to approve the meeting dates, Nancy Daley seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously.

As discussed in the Discovery High School Governing Board Meeting, Mrs. Fulks addressed the Florida Statute 1002.33 (26)(c), she explained that PCSB was asking if we are in compliance for the statute. The statute explains how the governing board is comprised and the guidelines of who is able to become a member of the board.

Mrs. Fulks presented the contract from Enterprise Janitorial Services for the 2022-2023 school year for Discovery Academy.

Charlotte Butler made a motion to accept the contract for Enterprise Janitorial Services, the motion was seconded by Doretha Tillman and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Fulks presented the contract from George Miarecki, CPA for the 2022-2023 school year for Discovery Academy.

Nancy Daley made a motion to accept the contract for George Miarecki, CPA, the motion was seconded by Doretha Tillman and the vote was unanimous.

George Miarecki discussed the Operating Budget and said that the student revenue and salary allotment from state have increased.

PCSB is implementing a \$15 minimum wage per hour for all non-instructional workers so we will follow that salary guideline.

We are expecting an increase for our medical insurance premiums but will finalize those numbers when we meet with the insurance people in August.

Nancy Daley made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Operating Budget. Charlotte Butler seconded motion and it was passed with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks told the board about a new position we are creating at Discovery Academy, Transportation Coordinator. Between the two schools we have become so large we need a dedicated person to oversee all the transportation needs.

Mrs. Fulks also informed the board we will be hiring two more academic coaches and more classroom paraprofessionals.

Board Member Report

Mrs. Fulks thanked Aaron McElwee for being the teacher representative on the Governing Board for 2021-2022. Mrs. Fulks then went on to welcome our 2022-2023 teacher representative, Heather Matousek.

Nancy Daley mentioned she went to the open house in April, it was very well organized and seemed to be enjoyed by the families and future DALA students.

Charlotte Butler thanked Mrs. Fulks for the yearbook, she said she really enjoyed looking through it.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 9:33 AM

Next Meeting: August 9, 2022
8:30 AM in the Discovery Academy
of Lake Alfred Media Center