

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

8-9-2022

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 9:00 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the 6/14/22 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 \$185,000.

Mr. Miarecki also said that we are owed money by Title one and we still have a small amount of cash on hand from the IDEA grant. The assets in general are very positive. Mr. Miarecki is very happy with the assets as we received funding for 31 less students that we had enrolled from FTE.

Mr. Miarecki said we sustained a loss of \$133,000 in investment revenue due to the volatile stock market.

Fuel expenses increased by \$100,000. Mr. Miarecki is hoping this corrects itself as fuel prices drop.

Mr. Miarecki said new equipment was received for the Dining Hall. Mr. Warren added that 2 commercial refrigerators were received and 2 new ovens are due in October.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the beginning enrollment for Discovery Academy will be 935 students, 326 in 6th grade, 308 in 7th grade and 301 in 8th grade. The waitlist already has 216 applications (149-6th grade, 27-7th grade, 40-8th grade).

Mrs. Daley asked if you ever get off the waitlist? Mrs. Fulks answered by saying yes once the school year begins, we reassess those students who did not come and then we begin to take the students from the waitlist. As the school year progresses, when we have withdrawals, we begin calling students from the waitlist to get them enrolled.

Mrs. Daley asked if acceptance is by lottery. . Mr. Warren answered by saying we have a priority (i.e. employee, sibling) and then it is by application date.

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

Kevin Warren gave an update on Title 1 saying we are already accepting Free/Reduced lunch applications and updating Focus as quickly as possible.

Nancy Daley asked if it is legal to have an incentive to motivate people to turn in the Free/Reduced Lunch Application. Mr. Warren said yes, it is legal to do that but we do have a team of people in place who continuously follow-up with those families who have not yet applied.

Mr. Warren said we are working on a new system to scan IDs to see if people are allowed to be on campus.

Mr. Warren also shared with the board that the district is working on inputting a buzzer/entry system. We are at the mercy of the county as to the implementation of this.

Mrs. Fulks said we already have requested a secure gate by the request was denied by PCSB.

Board Member Report

Nancy Daley said she attended orientation; it was extremely busy but very well organized.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 9:20 AM

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