

Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

3/7/2023

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 8:30 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by John Taylor to accept the 1/17/23 minutes as written. Charlotte Butler 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 said that Discovery Academy is owed \$93,000 from Discovery High School. The balance owed has decreased in recent months.

Mr. Miarecki stated that since we do not receive a check in June from the state that we accrue for June salaries each month.

Mr. Miarecki also said that we are owed \$38,000 from Title 1, they are one month behind on the payment.

Mr. Miarecki said that Food Services still has money to spend and will be purchasing new equipment.

In our October 2022 FTE, we reported a total of 908 students, we projected 975. Due to the difference our monthly amount of money received has decreased. When the state receives our February 2023 FTE report this should increase our monthly payments by a small amount.

ESSER grant is giving us money to be spent on technology and computers.

Instructional expenditures have 30% left and we projected 45%.

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Date

Mr. Miarecki said we need to collect transportation money from DHS (approximately \$130,000)

Mr. Miarecki said we currently have a shortfall at Discovery Academy of approximately \$640,000.

Nancy Daley asked what we can do about this?

George Miarecki answered saying we need to cut expenditures as much as possible.

President's Report

Carol Fulks stated the enrollment for Discovery Academy is at 880 students, 316 in 6th grade, 286 in 7th grade and 216 in 8th grade.

Our target enrollment is 925. We have already received 556 applications for the 2023-2024 school year. We received 470 applications for 6th grade, 48 for 7th grade and 38 for 8th grade.

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

Old Business

Kevin Warren said a parent survey will be sent the week of 3/20/23. Reyna Vasquez will set up a parent meeting for the week of 3/27/23.

Mr. Warren said he will bring the survey results to the June board meeting.

New Business

Mrs. Fulks presented the Discovery Academy 2023-2024 calendar.

Doretha Tillman made a motion to accept the calendar as proposed, John Taylor seconded the motion, and it was passed with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fulks told the board about New Voyager Night to be held on April 27, 2023. All new 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families are invited to come learn all about Discovery Academy.

The Leadership Discovery Team Celebration will take place May 25, 2023, at 2:00 PM in the Media Center.

The 8th Grade Awards Ceremony will take place on May 30, 2023, at 9:30 AM at Lake Eva in Haines City.

Board Member Report

Mrs. Daley told the board that Centex Builders who are building new homes in Lake Alfred now has Discovery listed as a school for buyers to look at for their children.

Mrs. Fulks said she emailed several housing developments telling them about Discovery Academy and Discovery High School.

Heather Matousek told everyone in attendance about 7th grade taking their trip to Circle B Ranch and the 8th graders going to Busch Gardens in May.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Daley at 8:49 AM

Next Meeting: June 6, 2023
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred
Media Center after the Discovery
High School Meeting at 8:30 AM