

Discovery High School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
4//23/15

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

The following were in attendance: Carol Fulks, Linda Williams, Mike Jones, Kitty Walker, Charlotte Butler & Jill Dunbar.

Charlotte Butler opened the meeting. Charlotte Butler, on behalf of the board, and Mark Whitehead both thanked Kristina Buhrman for her act of bravery and courage during the bus fire. The Board recognized her heroic actions with a Certificate and a gift certificate.

Carol Fulks asked the board to add another item to the agenda for approval - appointing a Parent Contact for DHS.

Linda Williams made a motion for the transition of the Founding Board to Governing Board. Mike Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks presented the Articles of Incorporation to the Board. Mike Jones made a motion to accept the Articles of Incorporation and the officers and members. Kitty Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Kitty Walker made a motion to accept the By-Laws and Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks presented the Conflict of Interest. Each Board member signed a commitment statement. Mike Jones made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy and Linda Williams seconded it. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Kitty Walker made a motion to accept the Code of Ethics. Mike Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks presented the meeting dates for the Governing Board. Kitty Walker made a motion to accept the meeting dates presented. Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks asked the Board to appoint a parent contact, suggesting that Jill Dunbar take the position. Mike Jones made a motion to accept Jill Dunbar as Parent Contact. Kitty Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Carol Fulks presented the Architectural Policy, speaking about the Process, Timeline and Selection, along with recommendations from the Selection Committee. The

selection Committee was composed of the following people: George Miarecki, Carol Fulks, Beth Fontaine, Mark Hastings, Charlotte Butler and Sam Johnson.

Carol Fulks explained the RFQ and Public Notice that had been posted. She said that the Selection Committee had met and reviewed each applicant using the evaluation process in the *Selection Process for Architectural Services*. Charlotte Butler stated that the proposals were interesting and dynamic. Carol Fulks explained the architectural selection evaluation results and how they were achieved with Furr Wegman being the committee's choice to offer the contract to, explaining that this should take place soon; it cannot wait until October.

Mike Jones made a motion to accept the *Selection Process for Architectural Services* at this time in case the need for this service arises again. Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Kitty Walker made a motion to secure the services of Furr Wegman for architectural services. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks explained the status of the appeal of the DHS application. She attended the PCSB work session and PCSB Board meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015. She explained that the PCSB has denied to accept the State's recommendation to accept the application for DHS and filed in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. Carol explained how this is contrary to the policy stated on PCSB website. Carol contacted the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and received the case number and learned about the process, stating that it could take as long as 8 months to be resolved. DALA cannot stop these proceedings; however, PCSB could withdraw the court case at any time.

Carol Fulks mentioned that concerned parents have been contacting PCSB regarding the decision to deny the charter application. Charlotte Butler contacted a PCSB member and he stated that DALA should reapply.

Carol presented the Board with the option for DALA to reapply for the DHS charter school by submitting a draft of the new application on May 1, 2015 at a cost of \$500.00, and submitting the new application on Aug 1, 2015. The draft would be reviewed by PCSB and DALA will receive feedback from them. This application would have a much stronger enrollment and serve 2 grades (9th & 10th) during the first year the school is open. A motion was made by Kitty Walker to resubmit the application and draft; Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Carol Fulks stated that Nathan Chambers has completed the environmental skink study on the purchased land, and the results are negative.

Mike Jones made a motion for DALA to send all meeting information electronically to members instead of via the postal service. Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board Approved
10/13/15
Date