

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2022 @ 4:30pm

We believe all children can learn.

We believe a trusting, caring, and nurturing environment must pervade the entire school.

We believe in including as many children as possible in all of the learning opportunities.

We believe all of our actions should be consistent with our purpose and vision.

We believe students should be taught “how” to think, not “what” to think.

We believe the primary purpose of education is to teach children “how” to learn.

We believe children must take responsibility for and be actively involved in their learning.

Per MN statute 13D.021 subdivision 1.1: “The DPS Board Chair has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic.”

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Sharon Hansen, Cody Hanson, Sarah Hammer, and Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio) were present. Jim Severson (Vice-Chair) and Kari-Ann Schmidt joined via Google Meet. Steven (Sam) Macklay (Clerk/Treasurer) was absent.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*
3. **Approval of the July 21, 2022 minutes:** *Sarah H. made a motion to approve the July 21, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (5-0). Jim S. abstained.*
4. **Monthly Financial Statement:** *The financial statement was reviewed by the board. Cody H. made a motion to accept the [As of] July 31, 2022 Financial Statements, as submitted in the school board packet. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**

6.1 Director’s Report: * Cash on Hand: \$139,515.81 *Enrollment: 48

*Session 2 of Summer School is complete. Majority of students earned Credit. 1 student completed enough work that he will graduate at the end of Qtr. 1.

*Dan attended several of the Virtual Sessions for the OW Leadership Retreat on W/TH of this week, Sharon did as well.

*Teacher Workshop days 8/22 – 8/25

*1st Day of School Tuesday 8/30/22

6.2 Community: No new information.

6.3 Finance: (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan and Russ met with Brenda and Travis. Brenda informed us that we will not be receiving a Title I grant this year, due to low free and reduced lunch numbers. This is likely because lunches have been free for everyone for the past couple years. We should be able to use ESSER III funds to continue the intervention classes.

6.4 Academic Committee: (Dan W., Jim S., Sharon H.)

We are kicking off a new school year with Workshop Week and Open House next week. At Open House and throughout the week we will be available to assist parents with online enrollment. We will also be offering the Online Parent Portal this year so that parents can stay more up-to-date on their students' progress in classes.

During workshop week staff will set goals for their professional development for the year. Our testing calendar will be developed next week as well. We plan to administer NWEA Fall Growth tests in late September or early October, as usual.

6.5 Environmental Education: (Jim S., Sharon H.)

Our first draft of our Environmental Literacy Plan for 2022-23 is due on August 31. We will sit down with teachers during workshop week to review our previous plans and make any necessary changes for the coming year.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: None

Sarah H. has completed her new board member training as of August 2, 2022.

7.2 Sped Teacher Resignation

One of our Sped teachers resigned on August 2, 2022. They had signed an agreement for the coming school year. The position has been posted, but we have not yet received any applications.

7.3 Sped Teacher Options

We have the option to sign a contract with a virtual Sped teacher that was recommended by our Special Ed Director. The virtual teacher would handle all of the case load that our former teacher would have handled and will teach classes remotely. We will need an adult in the room (either a para or our other Sped teacher) to get students online with the virtual teacher and make sure they are on task. We will look at a contract at our next meeting.

7.4 Berkan KDV New Account Manager (Travis Berends)

Travis will be our new point of contact at Bergen KDV. Brenda will still be available for specific questions during the transition. She has taken on a senior role at the firm.

7.5 Osprey Wilds – DPS Authorizing activities 2022-23

Osprey Wilds sent out a list of authorizing activities for the coming year. Most of the items are the same as previous years. They are only committing to one site visit, with the option for more.

8. Action Items:

8.1 DPS Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2022-23: This is an update of last year's plan. *Sarah H. made a motion to accept the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for 2022-23. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*

9. **Adjournment:** Board members were reminded that our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah H. The motion carried (6-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Hansen