

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2023 @ 4:30pm

The mission of Discovery Public School of Faribault is to meet the current and future needs of middle and high school students by providing a stable and consistent environment in which each student builds necessary social, academic, personal, and career skills for a satisfying and productive life.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Russ Kennedy. Russ Kennedy (Chair), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), S. Sam Macklay (Secretary), Cody Hanson and Sharon Hansen were present.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Russ K. asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Cody H. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. **Approval of the October 12, 2023 Minutes:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*
4. **Monthly Financial Statements:** *The Board reviewed and discussed the financial statement. Sam M. made a motion to accept the [As of] October 31, 2023 Financial Statements, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.

6. **Reports:**

6.1 **Director's Report:** Cash on Hand: \$225,075 Enrollment: 53

- DPS had Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences on 10/17/23. Turnout was good.
- SCTC sent a representative to hand out information and speak to DPS families about SCTC and PSEO opportunities during conferences.
- DPS and River Bend Nature Center hosted a Haunted Trail fundraiser for the Community on Saturday 10/28. It was a good turnout, and everyone had a great time. (Over 400 people came through). Students did an excellent job. Both sides agree it should be an annual event!

6.2 **Community:** See Director's report.

6.3 **Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan reported that there are no "red flags" and enrollment is up.

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

Our mission-related goal with Osprey Wilds is:

From FY19 to FY23, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 9-12 who will be on-track to graduate will be equal to or greater than 70%.

As of first quarter, we have 83.3% (30/36) of our high school students on track to graduate.

We have completed NWEA Testing and will be meeting with all students to go over NWEA goals and set other academic goals for the school year. We will also review credits with all high school students.

Fall NWEA testing is only the baseline to measure growth over the school year, but we like to track how many students improved on their spring RIT. In reading, 58.82% of students improved their score since last spring. In math only 44.12% of students improved since last spring. In science, 56.67% of students improved their score. We track this because it informs us whether students are continuing to grow or just improving in the spring and sliding back over summer.

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

The tank for raising trout has arrived and is set up. The tank needs time to stabilize before the trout eggs are received in January.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: No training this month.

7.2 DPS/Osprey Wilds Renewal: (Site visit 11/2/23). Pat Harmon (and Emily Moore) sent an email to Dan, thanking him for hosting the site visit and setting a goal of sending the draft renewal evaluation by the end of January. They asked him about fire extinguisher inspections and our gender equity policy, but overall were very positive in their comments.

7.3 WBWF: The Board reviewed the 2022-23 Combined World's Best Work Force Summary and Achievement and Integration Progress Report that Dan and Sharon prepared for submission to MDE.

8. Action Items:

8.1 DPS Fundraiser Policy: The Board reviewed and discussed the new policy (required by our authorizer). *Sam M. made a motion to approve the Student Fundraising Policy, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.2 Health Insurance Policy: The Board reviewed and discussed the various options available (compiled by insurance agent Michael Konzen). The current plan will increase in cost by 11% but the staff is very satisfied with this coverage. *Sharon H. made a motion to renew the current employee health insurance policy [Medica Choice Passport MN 10%-10/40 Platinum]. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.3 Audiology Consulting Contract SY 23-24: The Board reviewed and discussed the contract (printed in the meeting packet). The contract was signed on 11/2/23 to satisfy the IEP of a student who has since left the school. Approval will keep the contract in place but it probably will not be used. *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the contract with Anderson Audiology Consulting to provide audiological support, commencing on November 2, 2023, for the 2023-24 school year. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

8.4 DHH Contract SY 23-24: The Board reviewed and discussed the contract (printed in the meeting packet). The contract was signed on 11/2/23 to satisfy the IEP of a student who has since left the school. Approval will keep the contract in place but it probably will not be used. *Sam M. made a motion to approve the contract with Triumph Educational Consulting to provide Deaf/Hard of Hearing direct service, consultation and evaluation, commencing on October 23, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*

9. Adjournment: The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 4:30pm. *Russ K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam M. The motion carried (4-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary