

Discovery Public School
126 - 8th Street N.W.
Faribault, MN 55021
Regular Meeting
October 12, 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), Jim Severson (Vice-Chair), Dan Weisser (Ex-Officio), Cody Hanson and Sharon Hansen, were present. S. Sam Macklay (Secretary) and Sarah Hammer arrived at 4:33 p.m. Russ left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.*
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Russ K. asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jim S. made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (4-0).*
3. **Approval of the September 21, 2023 Minutes:** *Cody H. made a motion to approve the September 21, 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. Sharon H. made a motion to accept the [As of] September 30, 2023 Financial Statements, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (6-0).*
5. **Citizen Participation:** None.
6. **Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Director's Report:** Cash on Hand: \$216,501 Enrollment: 50
 - DPS Partnering with River Bend Nature Center to create a Haunted Trail Event for the Community. The event will also be a fundraiser where DPS will receive a portion of the money raised. Sarah Hammer helped to make this partnership take place. The Event is scheduled to take place on Saturday Oct. 28th.
 - DPS students (9th and 12th) will be taking a field trip to South Central College on Friday Oct. 13th. South Central also plans to have a representative present at DPS Fall Conferences to give out information and answer questions on PSEO and College Opportunities.
 - Dan and Sharon guided a Q and A tour for Faribault's Future Leadership Program on 10/12. Gave some community members some good information about DPS.
 - 6.2 **Community:** See Director's report.
 - 6.3 **Finance:** (Russ K., Jim S., Dan W.) Dan reported that our Compensatory Revenue is on track, thanks to the completion of Free and Reduced School Lunch applications.

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

Summary of our Academic Performance for 2022-23.

Indicator 1: Mission Related Outcomes

Goal: On-track percentage greater than 70%

2022-23: 85.3%

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 76.1%

Goal Exceeded

Indicator 2: No contractual goal

Indicator 3: Reading Growth

Primary Goal: NWEA MAP target growth at least 50%

2022-23: 51.2%

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 50.3%

Goal Met

Indicator 4: Math Growth

Primary Goal: NWEA MAP target growth at least 50%

2022-23: 50.0%

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 50.0%

Goal Met

Indicator 5: Reading Proficiency

Primary Goals: Proficiency for All Students, F/R Lunch, and Sped proficiency index greater than alternative schools in MN

All Students 2022-23: 35.0

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 29.4

Alt schools: 30.4

Approaches Target

F/R Lunch 2022-23: 36.1

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 27.9

Alt schools: 27.9

Goal Met

Special Education 2022-23: 28.3

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 18.9

Alt schools: 22.2

Approaches Target

Indicator 6: Math Proficiency

Primary Goals: Proficiency for All Students, F/R Lunch, and Sped proficiency index greater than alternative schools in MN

All Students 2022-23: 17.6

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 10.7

Alt schools: 10.5

Goal Met

F/R Lunch 2022-23: 15.4

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 10.2

Alt schools: 8.5

Goal Met

Special Education 2022-23: 0.0

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY 19 to FY23: 0.0

Alt schools: 3.8

Approaches Target

Indicator 7: Science Proficiency (and Growth)

Primary Goals: Proficiency on Science MCA and students exceed expected growth target on NWEA MAP Growth assessments.

MCA 2022-23: 25.0

Alt schools data not yet available

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 25.0

Alt schools: 20.5

Goal Met

NWEA 2022-23: 50.0%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 51.6%

Goal Met

Indicator 8: Writing Proficiency

Goal: 80% of students score at least 3 on 5 point GRAD writing rubric

2022-23: 93.0%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 89.36%

Goal Met (almost exceeded)

Indicator 9: Post-Secondary Readiness

Goals include six-year graduation rate of at least 67%, 70% score at least 70/100 on Life Plan Project, and 80% earn Job Skills Certificate.

Graduation 2022-23: 50.0%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 57.4%

Approaches Target

Life Plan Project 2022-23: 80.0%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 82.1%

Goal Exceeded

Job Skills Certificate 2022-23: 80.0%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 71.4% (this is due to a very low percentage in FY20)

Approaches Target (due to pandemic)

Indicator 10: Attendance

Goal: Consistent Attendance is at least 10 points greater than the baseline of 47.4 or equal to the state.

2022-23: 45.8%

Aggregate FY19 to FY23: 42.2%

State: 85.4%

Goal Not Met

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

Students will be participating in Trout in the Classroom this year. They will do some training tomorrow with educators from the program, then picking up the tank next week. The trout eggs will arrive in January, so they will be setting up the tank after MEA so it has time to acclimate. Students in Biology will handle care and feeding of the trout. Chemistry students will manage the tank chemistry, and middle school students will observe the trout as they hatch and grow.

ELP Update:

Chemistry students are researching pollution and writing a report. They will use this research to complete Indicator 5: Action in their Social Studies class by writing to government officials. They will also use this research to write an essay in English for Indicator 4: Skills. Biology students are also writing a report on pollution.

Middle school students have completed the composting pretest for Indicator 2: Knowledge. The goal is that the average score increases by 10% from pretest to posttest. Students are monitoring their vermicomposters and troubleshooting some of the issues they have encountered such as fruit flies. They are very excited to see the progress and have even noticed seeds from the vegetables they added sprouting in their composters.

The school-wide survey on environmental issues has been completed for Indicator 4: Skills. Students will explore environmental topics over the course of the year with a goal of improving their capacity [to act upon environmental issues] by 10% by spring.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1 School Board Training: Osprey Wilds Sounding Board: MN Government Data Practices Act. The article was included in the meeting packet. The Board discussed this very informative and thorough explanation of the statutes and the School officials' responsibilities.

7.2 Substitute Teacher Pilot Program (Paras – Two Years): Dan reported that both Sonia and Madison have had subbing assignments (in the school) and he is very pleased with the results. Since the Paras are familiar with the course work and the students, they transition easily into the substitute teaching roles.

7.3 DPS/Osprey Wilds Renewal: A site visit is scheduled for 11/2/23 (the last day of quarter 1). The renewal process is going smoothly, with no “red flags”.

7.4 Osprey Wilds Board Meeting Evaluation: The Board reviewed and discussed the written evaluation of our last meeting (compiled by Ashley Estis, printed in the meeting packet). Overall, the evaluation was very positive. Going forward, we intend to engage in school leader performance evaluation activities, four times a year.

8. Action Items:

8.1 2022-2023 Annual Report: The Board reviewed and discussed the annual report prepared for the Osprey Wilds Environmental Center. *Jim S. made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Report & WBWF Summary, as printed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Sarah H. The motion carried (6-0).*

8.2 Charter School Assurances w/ attached Policies: This is a MDE requirement. The assurances form and the relevant school policies (included in the meeting packet) were reviewed by the Board. *Sam M. made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Annual Charter School Assurances and related policies. The motion was seconded by Sharon H. The motion carried (5-0).*

8.3 Filan Lawn Service Snow Removal Contract 2023-2024: The Board reviewed and discussed the contract (printed in the meeting packet). *Sharon H. made a motion to approve the Snowplow Contract with Filan Lawn Service, commencing on November 1, 2023 and terminating on May 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Cody H. The motion carried (5-0).*

9. Adjournment: The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 4:30pm. *Jim S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah H. The motion carried (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted: Sam Macklay, Secretary