

Discovery Academy of Science
VIRTUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2020 Minutes
2817 St. Marks Dr. Dunedin FL 34698
Saturday, 9:00 am

- 1- Call to order
- 2- Approval of the agenda items
- 3- Approval of 12/14/2019 board meeting minutes
- 4- Principal remarks
- 5- Public remarks
- 6- North campus renovation - Additional classroom at the south wing.
Architectural plans
- 7- Approval of DAS Instructional Continuity Plan
- 8- Charter contract extension with the School Board of Pinellas County
- 9- Approval of SBA PPP loan application.
- 10- Review of the financial reports
Review of current financial reports
Recent legal updates from the State Supreme Court
- 11- Closure of the meeting Saturday, June 13th for the next board meeting tentatively.

Additional Information
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Derya Yildirim Agron Elmazi Fatih Demir Fethullah Caliskan

Issues/ Items motioned and voted on by Governing Board Members:

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Fatih Demir
2. Approval of agenda items
Motion: Approve agenda items Mr. Demir
Second: Mr. Elmazi
Vote: yes-4
 No-0
3. Approval of last board meeting minutes
Motion: Approval of the December 14, 2019 board meeting minutes Mr. Demir
Second: Dr. Caliskan
Vote: Yes-4
 No-0
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4. Principal remarks: Mr. Akbaba updated board members about the following items.
Mr. Akbaba gave updates were as below.
 - Completed 1st semester
 - Report cards distributed on January 8th
 - Winter MAP testing completed Jan 18-21

- New Visitor system by raptor tech to the north campus
- School wide spelling bee, winners are Morgan Plum and Adrian S.
- Attended regional spelling bee at Haines City Florida in February
- 5th grade parent university event
 - o Jan 25th
 - o Advanced middle school track and acceleration program at DAS
 - o Organized by Asst. Principal Mr. Duman
 - o Introduced DUKE TIP program to gifted students at DAS.
- Middle school Science Olympiad Invitational results, Jacksonville FL Jan 11
 - o Last Saturday, two DAS science Olympiad teams traveled to Jacksonville to compete in an Invitational Science Olympiad competition. Twenty students and their families made the trip to Jacksonville to compete in eighteen different events. DAS placed 4th overall in the competition out of nine schools with a total of nineteen teams from all over the state of Florida!!! Our students performed outstandingly and awarded medals while as a team we have received a trophy.
 - o 2nd Place in Mousetrap Vehicle, Chase Knight & Busra Akbaba
 - o 4th Place in Food Science, Chase Knight & Avery Bohler
 - o 4th Place in Anatomy & Physiology, Chase Knight & Sofia Basilio-Ventura
 - o 5th Place in Meteorology, Riley Kelley & Nate Davis
- 100th day celebration at the south campus Jan 28th, dress as 100 years old.
- KG field trip to Jack HARTman reschedule to St. MARK Sanctuary
- 1st grade field trip to Astro Skate
- FLL Robotics Team at regional Competition at USF
 - o DAS FLL Lego Robotics team will compete at the regional event at USF St. Petersburg campus. The theme for this year is "City Shaper"
 - o The team members, Danny Torres, Daniel Jump, Avery Bohler, Tejas, Sriram, John Foxx, Liana Dimovski, Ysabelle Jacob, Chase Knight, Devon Goodloe, Erik Baker
 - o Award ceremonies as usual splitted by grade levels.
- Middle school Regional Science olympiad, February 8th
 - o On Saturday, February 8th DAS Middle School Science Olympiad team competed in the Florida Science Olympiad West Regional Competition at Hillsborough Community College - Brandon Campus.
 - o Twenty-two students and their families attended the competition to compete in eighteen different events. Our two teams medaled in six different events (medals were only given to third place at the regional competition). We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to all of our science olympiad coaches for working hard to prepare for this competition, their dedication and commitment to the team!
 - o 1st - Boomilever - Nate Davis & Claire Latsha
 - o 1st - Game On - R-Jay Corey
 - o 1st - Mousetrap Vehicle - Chase Knight & Busra Akbaba
 - o 2nd - Mousetrap Vehicle - Morgan Pflum & Grayson Oppermann
 - o 2nd - Ornithology - R-Jay Corey & Morgan Pflum
 - o 3rd - Experimental Design - Tejas Sriram, Avery Bohler & Nate Davis
- FSA saturday school has begun FEBruary 22nd.
- SearPerch Underwater Robotics Competition, Saturday March 7th
 - o Three DAS underwater robotics teams will also compete at Clearwater's Long Center at regional SeaPerch competition.
 - o The winner of the competition will be invited to attend the International Seaperch competition at the University of Maryland near Washington, DC.
 - o We are very proud of our last year's winning team and student; they were eligible to attend the international competition at the University of Maryland.
 - o 14 teams attended the competition across the state
- This past saturday our Elementary Science Olympiad team competed at the West Regional Elementary, March 7

- Science Olympiad competition at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School in Largo. Our two teams of twenty-three students competed in fourteen different events ranging from all the disciplines of Science. We are extremely proud of how hard our students and coaches worked in preparation for this event! See our results and some pictures from the event below.
 - 1st Place - Tennis Ball Catapult - Aiden Simons & Adalyn Weiler
 - 2nd Place - Tennis Ball Catapult - Nevaeh Brum-Milan & Collin Stebick
 - 2nd Place - Trajegtory - Stephan Hawk, Matthew Jump & Carmen Latsha
 - 2nd Place - Chew the Fat - Eliot Psihos
 - 3rd Place - Crime Busters - Kinley Stebick & Parker Burbine
 - 3rd Place - Reflection Relay - Eliot Psihos, Daniel Zusman & Michael All
- COVID -19 updates shared with parents February 28th

5. Public remarks- no public remarks were made in this session. public asked to email principal Akbaba for public comments to be read during the virtual board meeting.
6. North campus renovation - Additional classroom at the south wing.
due to increased 5th grade student enrollment for the 2020-21 school year, DAS asked St. Mark Council for additional space. The church did not lease any additional space. Mr. Akbaba presented the ideas of merging offices and a classroom space into a large 5th grade classroom. Architect Robert Resch prepared a draft plan for review. Mr. Akbaba will get the plans prepared including mechanical and electrical drawings and will start looking for a contractor. Mr. Akbaba will consider the restrictions from COVID-19 and market unavailability for construction..
7. Approval of the Approval of DAS Instructional Continuity Plan
 - Mr. Akbaba and school SBLT prepared an E-Learning plan during spring break and implemented it very quickly. As of April 11 there is a very high participation rate. all grading will continue as usual. All FSA testings are cancelled for the remainder of the year.

Board members reviewed the ICP.

Motion: Approve the agenda item-7 Mr. Caliskan
 Second: Mr. Demir
 Vote: yes-4
 No-0

8. Charter contract extension with the School Board of Pinellas County
 Principal Akbaba and Mr. Demir updated board members about the contract extension. The contract is recommended for extension until June 2031.

Motion: Approve the charter contract extension with PCS by Mr. Demir
 Second: Dr. Yildirim
 Vote: yes-4
 No-0

9. Approval of SBA PPP loan application.
 DAS is eligible to apply for an SBA PPP loan based on the guidelines set forth by the Small Business Administration. Mr. Akbaba mentioned that there will be economical effects of current COVID-19 closures. In order to not let any DAS employees, DAS board agreed to apply for the loan.

Motion: Approve the loan application by Mr. Demi
 Second: Dr. Caliskan
 Vote: yes-4
 No-0

10. Review of the current financial reports.
 The current financials shows positive income for each month. Budget is projected to be in positive fund balance as it is projected
 Mr. Akbaba explained the current supreme court decision regarding HB 7069. DAS is now eligible to spend the funds on hold \$400,312. The funds are hold at the school's secondary checking account. It is reported in each month to the school district. No funds were spent so far.

11. Closure of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned 10:24 pm.

Board Members

Fatih Demir, Derya Yildirim, Fethullah Caliskan, Agron Elmazi