

DCS Steering Meeting

December 6, 2007

Attendees: Dawn G, Shannon B, Diane J, Mark H, Patty R, Pete S, Cameron S, Janet Z, Carol F, Christi D, Tom C, Sara S, Pauline T, Nadine R, Anne C.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Teachers-Diane: Community Presentation will be on Math. Discovery time has been going very well, which is the multi-age grouping on non-Friday Special Fridays. Kids have done a variety of activities in groups of 1 Older, 1Middler, and 1Younger. Portable may be used by Sandburg parents for Art Wizard program.

Vice-Principal-Mark: 6th graders having a blast at Outdoor Ed, which is a wonderful opportunity for our kids. It was wet in the first few days, also principal Toby was there the first two days of Outdoor Ed. Tomorrow is the last day for Hopelink donations. PTSA grants are open right now and they are looking for ideas to consider from both teachers and parents.

Grant update-Cameron: 1. AGK Foundation - on Community, Education, Medicine/Health - They tend to give small awards, single year grants. 2. State Farm Insurance - eligible for company grant at community level. 3. Citi Group - gives very little information so the primary concern is that we might put in a lot of time and effort to apply without really understanding what they're looking for. We may be eligible for their "Education the Next Generation". **Action Item:** Cameron will contact a local State Farm Insurance agency since that looks most promising. Shannon brought up the fact that we may need to give Cameron information on what we would like to do with any grant money. Ideas brought up with primary interest to potentially pursue through State Farm were community outreach groups that the kids can participate in, foreign languages and art. **Action Item:** Cameron will bring an update to the January Steering Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Shannon: Handed out current Income and Expense through Dec 5 and the revised Reimbursement Request along with the Authorized Signature Approvals. Marc has done a great job. **Action Item:** Marc will add appropriate names to the Authorized Signature Approvals (Anne made the list and gave it to Sara.) Also, wording of the Approvals description line on the Reimbursement Request needs to be clarified before form should be used.

Volunteer Report – Anne: No Winter Event this year. Also the first letter to go out in January to parent²s with low hours. **Action Item:** Anne - will send an e-mail to all families and Pauline – will send an e-mail to new families to let them know that they are available to help with who to contact and how to connect with DCS to get their hours in.

Recruitment – Pete: Getting DCS name out to community in a variety of ways; new website and book marks ready to go out to schools once website is up. Possibly contact daycares that drop off and pick up at Sandburg, co-op preschools and local

kindergarten's. Maybe give book marks to Realtor's. Interest is out there for a choice schools fair for elementary. Christi mentioned a good thing which was to ask prospective families who call how they found out about DCS. Janet will start to inquire.

New Website Unveiling - Dawn/Shannon: Website was intentionally designed to provide information to three different audiences: prospective families, new families and as a tool for existing families. A lot of work was done with thanks going to Holly for a great job on web creation and Shannon, Diane, Pete, and Dawn for layout and text. Input also from Toby and Janet. Everyone did a Fantastic Job. To view:

<http://mewantweb.com/dcs/index.htm> **Action Item:** Dawn to check on pointing PO to the link for community minutes, link to LWSD website for map and minor corrections.

Steering had several specific recommendations that **Action Item:** Shannon will forward to Holly including: adding a light blue or green to the background, putting the newspaper articles in reverse date order so the most recent article appears first, adding an intro sentence to the Glossary page, highlighting the tabs when they're clicked on (eliminating the page titles).

Committee Reports

Enrichment: Nadine mentioned that the next Friday Special will start at the end of January. Choices being talked about for the next session are Origami, possibly a professional Chinese Dancer, and Photography.

Finance: Tom had nothing to report

Community Outreach: Christi mentioned that Hopelink is coming tomorrow after rescheduling. They are looking into ideas for Earth Day event. Any thoughts or ideas let Christi/Susan know.

Community Building: Pauline stated that the PNO at Ramstead's had 13 people. Storm prevented many from attending. Swim Event is coming up in the spring with Cameron heading that up.

Communications: Dawn said email lists are working great.

New Business

Elections: coming up soon.

Action Item: Anne to get job description and post for someone to oversee election process.

Next Steering is January 3rd, 2008.
Meeting adjourned at 7:46.