

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2009, 6:30 PM
Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

Welcome | Pete

- IAs sent thank you card for radios

Principal Report | Mark

- Budget input meeting at Juanita HS April 22, 7 pm. About 10 days left in legislative session, making two-year budget decisions. Senate looking to cut \$7.7 million; House looking to cut \$7.3 million. Specific categories are targeted from two columns. Can prioritize at input meeting:
 - I-728 (safety net, teacher support program to mentor new teachers)
 - Summer literacy
 - Preschool
 - Professional development
 - LEAP or learning improvement days
 - Non-employee related
 - Transportation
 - K-1 class sizes
 - Class size
 - Quest pull-out
 - Elementary VPs
 - Para-educators
 - IA hours
 - Nurses
 - Athletics
 - Facilities
- Northshore looking to cut \$15 million.
- Can't borrow from construction bonds because they were allocated for a specific purpose.
- Q: what is most at risk for DCS? A: Janet's job should be safe but possibly some hours will be cut. No clear idea as to how DCS will be impacted.
- Staffing cuts will be based on seniority. Lose 100-120 teachers from attrition yearly. Numbers expected to be down this year due to economy.
- Weighted matrix of cuts will be handed out at meetings for people to comment on. District wants feedback and will consider it.
- Strongly encourages attending the meeting and providing moral support.
- Janet's funding:
 - choice school/IA work: 3 hrs
 - secretarial: 2 hrs
 - classroom: 2 hrs playground/crossing

Teachers' Report

Diane

- Displayed student samples of PowerPoints on plants
- Discussed Scott Foresman reading program and work on phonics. Will do DIBELS testing in May.
- Flat Stanley presentations

Carol

- WASLs going well
- Photos from:
 - Living Museum photos
 - Learning Journey to Mercer Slough as part of structures and life unit.
 - Kenn Nesbitt visit March 25 with Poetry Café
- "Making Big Words": Vocabulary and word structure / Greek and Latin roots. Exercises include word scrambles, using dictionary.

Monica

- UW Brain Open House
- Art with Susan Johnson – project using paper
- Ancient Egypt
- Reading
 - Houghton Mifflin anthology
 - Reading is thinking
 - Being engaged with your reading

- Methods of note taking

Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement | Sara

- No report at this time.

Community Building | Nadine/Pauline

- Pool party great success – thanks to Peggy Crane
- 7 new families to be invited to May Community meeting
- Next month saying goodbye to 10 graduating families (6 permanently: Elkayssi, Baldwin, Jeffrey, Mitchell, Jewell, Evarts)
- Summer picnic to be held at Blyth Park in Bothell early July
- PNO in May hosted by Chwojko-Franks. Date TBD.
- Cris: Staff appreciation breakfast volunteer breakfast May 14. Food needed at school from 7:45-8 am

Volunteer Report | Anne/Sheryl

- Org chart available for next year. Please sign up for what you'd like to do and let Anne know if you'd like to keep your current position. Field trip coordinators needed especially as planning starts in the spring.
- Carnival volunteers needed. Contact room reps. Cakes needed also. Fifth-grade parents helping out selling concessions and sixth-grade parents needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance | Cameron

- Susan: Green team awarded Dept of Ecology Sustainable award. Will get a letter soon. Thanks to Cameron for her help in securing the award.

Communications | Mark

- No report at this time.

Facilities | Denise

- Herbicide Free will be cleaning the Butterfly Garden April 19 11 am. Or come out on your own time.

Community Outreach | Nancy/Susan/Christi

- St. Edward Earth Day event on April 18, 9:30 on for ivy pulling, face painting, table decorating, wreath making

Enrichment | Jill/Sherri

- Friday specials
 - Play is going well
 - DCS owns two new ukuleles

LW Foundation Luncheon | Susie

- \$12,000 is needed to adequately support each child. District and state provide a portion. Wed, May 13 is luncheon with suggested donation of \$150. Contact gshavey@comcast.net if you'd like to attend or donate.

Spring Camp | Laura

- Susie: Moms' skit to be practiced at Patty R's house. Contact Susie at gshavey@comcast.net if you'd like to participate.
- Laura: Lots of holes in volunteer list. Need coordinators for crafts.
- Dan, Ron, and Ian will help with Polar Bear Swim.
- Music talent: everyone is welcome to come to Laura's and Craig's house, April 26 at 2 pm for campfire practice. Bring kids. Contact Kathleen F or Stella B.

PTSA | Angela

- Carnival is May 1. Room reps have sent out reminders. Need a minimum of eight volunteers per class.
- Bake sale at dance made \$269 for Outdoor Ed and 336 cans of food
- Flyer to go home next week re: next year's outdoor education
- LWSF is holding their luncheon on May 13 at Juanita High School

Elections | Pauline / Sheryl

- Unanimous vote of 47 votes for next year's board:
 - Co-chair: Dawn G, Jill C-F
 - First-year treasurer: Pete S
 - Secretary: Justin T, Shelley G

Other Business

- None

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.