

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

6:30 5 min Pete/Dawn **WELCOME**

- Note there is a new sign in sheet for community meetings, this makes attendance and volunteer hour count easier for Janet

6:35 5 min Mark **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

- Mark spoke about community and how do our kids show community? Example – if a kid is in the mud, are the other children laughing or helping?
- With a culture of caring, we want to make this a part of the fabric of DCS & Sandburg:
 1. Care for yourself
 2. Care about each other
 3. Care about community
- We are asking parents to volunteer at recess to help with structured games

6:40 20 min Diane/Carol/Monica **TEACHER'S REPORT**

Diane - Youngers:

- 43 interested families from information night
- Chinese calligraphy – Yvonne Baker
- Green study – checked the progress on the decomposing materials. Paper is decomposing quickly – potato based plates are starting to decompose, plastic is not changing at all.
- Writing: Six traits of writing (+1)
 1. Ideas & content
 2. Organization
 3. Voice
 4. Word choice
 5. Sentence fluency
 6. Conversions
 7. Presentations
- Showed writing as a group – five drafts – very clever!

Carol - Middles:

- Oral report, fantasy theme, parents read aloud, come see pictures in classroom!
- Living history museum coming in March
- Water conservation – water crisis by Ingrid Odderson Salmon
- Student meetings, share student council, talk about class issues
- Expository writing, outline = plan, or image plan (pictures)
- Shared some writing examples

Monica – Olders:

- Creating maps of schoolyard – erosion, flooding, etc.
- Community outreach – Santa's workshop learning journey
- Outdoor school
- Art w/ Susan Johnson
- Olders writing – webs & outlines – examples

- 7:00 10 min Stella **TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
- Treasurer update: financial results and contribution letters
 - Jan-Dec budget looks good this year
 - Year end letters should be expected by the end of the month

- 7:10 5 min Nadine/Pauline **COMMUNITY BUILDING**
- Winter Event: Jan. 25th 2-4 Highlands Ice Arena
 - Spring Swim Event: March 22nd 3:45-4:45. Mountlake Terrace

- 7:15 5 min Anne/Sheryl **VOLUNTEER REPORT**
- Please turn in your volunteer hours. Reminder that we have all committed to 65 hours of volunteer work to make our school a success. Next month, we will be sending letters to those families that have not completed 32.5 hours by the beginning of Feb. Any questions, please ask me (Anne) or Janet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7:20 0 min Cameron **FINANCE**
- No report

- 7:20 0 min Mark **COMMUNICATIONS**
- No report

- 7:20 5 min Denise **FACILITIES**
- Next Herbicide Free Weed Meet date is February 8 at 11:00 a.m.

- 7:25 5 min Christi/Nancy/Susan **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
- PNO/Women's Luncheon – sign up w/ Nancy

- 7:30 5 min Jill/Sherri **ENRICHMENT**
- Friday Specials update
 - Class portion of winter Friday specials have been cancelled (we will still have dancers)
 - Next winter – ideas send to Jill C-F and Sherri P.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 7:35 5 min **NEW BUSINESS/Q&A**
- Photos for Memory Pages – Shannon by January 31

- 7:40 **ADJOURN**