

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL STEERING MINUTES 2/4/09

- **Principals report-** Mark has been given permanent position as vice principal. PRSA Council Meeting (vision 2020): feasibility of moving towards 4 year high schools. Between now and June to work with community and staff about support and construction bond to add classroom space to accommodate. K-5, 6-8, then high school 9-12. Target date of 2014 to move whole district to this. Impact on us would be 6th grade moving out. Decision to be made by June. K-8 is being discussed as well (campus reconfiguration and school closing would occur).
- **Teachers Report-** Teachers wondering if they can expand time during the teacher's report at community meetings to ½ hour. Topic next time is math. Also teachers would like feedback on subjects to cover during reports. Teachers will share more personal teaching moments in report as discussed (social curriculum is as important as academic).
- **Treasurers Report-** Just under 12K in out of 16,135 budget. Quite a bit of money left to spend. The skating event is not yet factored in the current report. Contributions: letters have gone out to families regarding contributions. Next community meeting: call for individuals needing scholarships/hardship or unable to contribute to communicate their status so treasurers can finalize the budget and factor that in.
- **Proposal for surplus funds #1-** 5 replacement radios. Use them at the playground etc. (they are district approved). PTSA did not have the money (it was proposed there first and not approved). New radios are longer range and more useful in emergencies. To be used by all IA's both Sandberg and DCS. \$1164.95 would be the total (\$211 each plus shipping). Approved by steering and forwarded to Community for their approval.
- **Proposal for surplus funds #2-** Diane submitted (falls under not to be taken to community). Playground equipment was purchased and geo-shapes, 3-d solids etc. Approved by steering.
- **Volunteer Report-** Nothing new to report. 13 families not at 32 hours so far.
- **Finance/Grants-** Grant program with BECU is available for Wash. State schools K-12. For education enrichment (i.e. poetry festival, math night, zoo visit, NW books for library). The limit is around \$3500. App. Process between Jan.15 and March 15. Call for ideas... Suggestions at the meeting include author's visit, artists, and scientists to visit... Cameron will pursue the application process (must be in by mar. 15). Talk to teachers and bring up at Community Meeting, set a deadline for suggestions. Possible email bulletin as well.
- **Foreign language enrichment update-** Mandarin is brought up as a possible choice.
- **Communications-** Enhancements to our website. Nothing new to report on that, in progress. Should we focus on other options for integrating all of our communications in case the LWSD site (district maintained) does not meet our needs? Enhancements may not go forward via the district site route. Electronic forms submission is important, getting off of PO would be great. Mark will look into other options for us.
- **Facilities-** Herbicide Free Work party 2/8 at 11 am.
- **Community Outreach-** Women's luncheon in February. PNO cooking party 2/27 start at 5 pm. Serving Saturday a.m. 2/28 about 10-Noon. Proposal is in for portable Greenhouse for the school.
- **Community Building-** Ice skating was fantastic, \$171.00 was used. 20 families came to the event. Pool party scheduled for March (Mountlake Terrace). Elections (Sheryl and Pauline will work on that, announced in February, posted March, to take place in April). Spring Camp led by Laura R., will be a little more free form than last year and casual. Call from someone regarding Staff appreciation. There is a staff appreciation week in May. Because Sandburg's is a week later than the national week we are to host a breakfast on the official day anyway. This will not be an 'Official' DCS position but any and all are free to voice their opinion and show staff appreciation at any time.
- **Enrichment-** 2/20 there IS a Friday Special. Tlingkut Dance Group.

- **New Business/Q&A-** Richter's will be hosting camp for the last time this summer. To keep the summer camp tradition going, which contributes to the sense of community as DCS, should we make an announcement and a call to community, at the monthly meeting, to start the conversation about continuing the tradition. Any ideas of good camps are welcome. Action item for Dawn: contact Richter's about making an announcement and logging ideas for alternative camps.
- **Summer camp will be brought up at next community meeting.**