

## **DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Community Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

### VP/Mark/Intro-

- Opportunity to talk to an astronaut in space, April 2, 12:28 our time. Open-ended project for children, any interest regarding ham radio, space, astronauts, etc. There will be a display after the event of kids projects. Send in applications to front office. There is time for about 20 questions live with the astronauts via speaker phone. Conversation will be recorded.
- WASL- formative and summative assessment. Writing: 4<sup>th</sup> grade piece, longest and most exhaustive piece of the exam (day long writing). 2 days of writing, not back-to-back. K-4 teachers work very much with this test in mind. Two sections of writing test, one narrative and one expository. Math: is all grades 3-6 grade. Computation and problem solving. Spread out over several days. Emphasizing a lot on showing thinking and how answers were reached. Science: 5<sup>th</sup> grade test. Has been 2 day test. Engineering and research sides of science. Design and investigative functions. Lots of hands on to teach kids how to think scientifically. Reading: all grades. Fiction and non-fiction sections. Comprehension is assessed. Also analysis questions included. How we use the information: there is a score at the end. Gives snapshot of students levels and progress. General picture, scores are broken down by gender, cohort, previous years, grade level, etc. How we DON'T use the information: there is no sorting. WHEN: window is April 13<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>. Make-up is usually the final week of April. Usually tues, wed, thurs, of first week. No final date set yet. Daily schedule will change (recess, lunch etc.).

### Community Building-

- Pool party this Sunday. 75 people RSVP'd. Snacks provided. Parents have to be in the pool to supervise. 50+ swimmers you get 2 lifeguards. 3:45 is an orientation regarding what you can do at the facility. Be there at 3:30 if you can. There is a wading area as well.
- Chris: staff appreciation breakfast. Sign-up sheet. Will be Thursday May 14 a.m. Appliances are needed. Chris will send notices thru email regarding the festivities.
- Tomorrow is field trip for Middles to the slough. Extra shoes may be needed and clothes, it will be muddy. Towels etc.

### Finance- nothing to report

### Facilities-

- Weeding for April the 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 11 a.m. . Bring gloves, trowels, weed whacker, etc.
- Could always use more people, good way to get hours. It's usually fun!
- Butterfly garden needs work.

### Community Outreach-

- Thank you for support of homeless women's lunch. Food was fantastic.

## Earth Day-

- DCS event on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Edwards Park in Juanita.
- Bring greenery from home to the park. Wreaths will be made for children's heads out of willows. Also an Ivy pull at the park, very labor intensive.
- Face painting.
- Event goes from 10-3pm. Shifts are available if you don't want to stay all day.

## Jill/Friday Specials-

- If you need volunteer hours there are plenty of opportunities with Friday specials.
- Trying to do 5 this spring.
- Cooking: would like to keep it small group. 10-15 kids and enough volunteers.
- Dates will be April 10, 17, 24, and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Starts after Spring Break.
- Leaders and assistants are needed. Sign-up sheet.
- Anita will do mini-Science Fair. Would like to keep it kind of small. Multi-age groups together.
- A Play. Music, prompting lines, vocal inflections, direction, etc. Herding kittens.
- Last 2 will be guitars, about 15 kids. Guitars are needed both adult and children size. Rentals are a possibility if there are not enough from the community.
- Singing and sign language class in conjunction with the guitar learning, larger class.
- Ken Nesbit is coming next Wednesday. (the poet) 1-2 there will be a poetry café in the middle classroom. Jill will send out an email.
- Summer Camp- last year at the facility. Emailing to form committee on finding a new place to camp.
- Dance at Finn Hill Jr. High 6:30-8:30. There will be concessions there including Bake Sale.

## Spring Camp/Laura Ruderman-

- Dates are May 8-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Runs on volunteers, donations, and people showing up and participating.
- Four places have donated to DCS: QFC at Parkplace, QFC on 124<sup>th</sup> St, Fred Meyer Kirkland, and Target in Woodinville. Please let them know and say thank you.
- Volunteers: signup sheets for Friday, Saturday, morning/afternoon, food volunteers. Also coordinator positions.
- Challenge station volunteers needed for obstacle course/scavenger hunt.
- Registration forms were sent. Also available on Parent Organizer.
- Scholarships are available by request.
- School play is performed there and skit night. Skit coordinator and announcer are needed.
- Month before camp detailed information will be sent out.

## Elections

- Next meeting we will be electing our officers (April) for 2009-2010 school year.
- Either email or send in the physical form.
- No restrictions or experience necessary.
- Teachers can vote and nominate.

Pete/2009-2010 Org. chart

- Those positions are open as well and not elected. Available for sign up.

Pete/Community Building/Misc. Business

- Informal meetings for discussion of children transitioning classes (youngers to middles to olders etc.). Parents are willing to share their experiences.
- Pauline Thompson will coordinate.