

# DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Steering Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2009 6:30 PM

Location: Teacher's Lounge

Present: Mark Bl, Diane, Christi, Pauline, Linda, Angela, Jill, Stuart, Pete, Cameron, Stella, Anne.

The meeting commenced at 6:40 PM.

**Welcome** Pete/Dawn

**Teacher's Report** Diane

Teachers are preparing for conferences March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and plan to have conferences with all families. Teacher appreciation week will be the week following Carnival. Teachers had input on the dates and were in agreement with this time. The lottery was held in March and slots are close to being finalized.

**Treasurer's Report** Sara

Income is moving closer to budget. There is \$22,000 in savings that was not reported at the last Community Meeting. This is in addition to the (approximately) \$6,000 noted in this months financial report. See attached report for details.

**Volunteer Report** Anne/Sheryl

10 families currently are behind on volunteer hours. A suggestion was made to communicate by phone with these families prior to sending out formal letters, to offer help with ideas for volunteer hours.

**Action Item:** Call families regarding hours Anne/Pauline

**PTSA Liaison Report** Angela

Upcoming events include:

Dance program March 23-27

Carnival 5/1

Staff appreciation 5/11-5/15

Women in History assembly 5/11

Fundraising efforts for next year's Outdoor Ed will begin with concessions at the School Dance and Carnival.

There was discussion about possibly changing teacher's appreciation week which is scheduled for May 11-15. Feedback was collected from teachers who stated they were in agreement with the current dates.

**Principal's Report** Mark Bl

Several students from DCS assisted in leading an all school meeting and did a fantastic job. These school meetings are a new effort and will be monthly. They will include recognition of staff and students, will have a theme focus, and are to help build community spirit.

Structured recess activities were initiated with a program called "Recess Rovers". There was a large response by the kids. The staff is continuing to brainstorm ideas on how to help these activities run smoothly. On 3/18 there will be training for parents on Tether Ball and Foursquare. There will be 4 new foursquare courts painted. There may be changes in the recess scheduling next year.

April 13 – May 1 is the testing window for the WASL.

LEAP day will be spent with teachers for training and collaboration for improvement with instruction.

Research is in process about the laws for crossing the border with students for Outdoor Ed. Mark is optimistic about continuing the program in Canada.

**Finance/Grants** Cameron

An application was submitted to the Dept of Ecology to support the purchase of more reusable partyware for classrooms. Another grant is being applied for through BECU to support having a local author visit for roughly \$1800.

**Communications** Mark Ba

Mark Ba is attending a district communication tools meeting. Mark Ba has met with Mark Bl regarding potential areas of growth in streamlining communication

**Facilities** Denise

No report at this time.

**Community Outreach** Susan/Christi

The Homeless Women's Luncheon was a great success.

Earth day options for April: St Edwards ivy pull with an artistic component or Juanita Bay Park weeding activity. More information to follow.

**Community Building** Pauline

The Pool Party is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Elections nominations process has been initiated.

**Enrichment** Jill/Sherri

Friday specials will be held again in April. The possible choices include:

Play Diane

Science Group Anita D

Musical Instruments/Ukulele/Guitar Greg

Singing and signing Jill and Sherri

Cooking/food prep

**Other Business**

No new business at this time.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Call families regarding volunteer hours

Anne/Pauline