

COMMUNITY STEERING MEETING

May 7, 2009, 6:30 PM

Location: Teacher's Lounge

Present: Linda, Dawn, Pauline, Diane, Cris, Mark Ba, Jill, Christi, Shannon, Nadine, Sara, Stella, Mark Bl, Pete, Anne, Angela

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

**WELCOME**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT      MARK**

Recommended reading the report about budget changes at the LWSD website.

**TEACHER'S REPORT      DIANE**

Friday Specials have been a success and have fit the students' personalities well. The Play will be performed at Spring camp with a dress rehearsal on Thursday. Teachers are also pleased with the news of the District's decision to keep class sizes small. There may be changes in Janet's job description which will be determined in August.

**TREASURER'S REPORT      SARA/STELLA**

Monthly financials : Donations are below budget, but corporate matching more than makes up the difference. There is money left in many areas including Field trips and Enrichment.

Proposed 2009-10 Budget: The budget was reviewed. The following changes were recommended:

- Increase the hardship allowance for dues
- Increase the Field Trip budget to allow for 2 bus trips/year (1 PTSA funded, 1 in DCS budget)
- Graduation budget increase of 2-3% because of a larger graduating class
- Staff appreciation budget increase by \$150
- Subsidize Fall Event, Winter event and Spring camp from the budget (\$500 to Fall Event, \$500 to Winter Event, and \$2,000 for Spring camp).
- \$100 added for Mail Server
- Grounds care was increased to \$400 for mulch.
- Remove \$650 for capital expense
- Add \$75 line item for recorders

It was decided to purchase chafing dishes for multiple uses at DCS/Sandburg, with use of surplus funds.

In summary, the 2009-10 budget has a total income of \$16,827, total expense of \$20,390, and a deficit of \$3,563. The DCS budget also has a surplus that has built up for many years (current surplus is roughly \$22,000).

A motion was made to approve this budget and present it to the Community. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Volunteer hours update. Last day to turn in hours to meet average is Monday after Spring Camp (May 11)
- Letters signed by co-chairs and principal will be sent that week.
- Org chart has lots of spots open, most needed now:
  - Field Trip Coordinators For Youngers
  - Volunteer Coordinator

## **PTSA LIAISON REPORT      ANGELA**

Fundraising efforts for Outdoor Ed has raised \$1650. Fundraising at Carnival brought in \$1400. Goal for Fun Run 2009 is similar to last year at \$45,000. Board was elected in April, with 8 members (goal is 10). Discussion followed regarding recruitment ideas for the PTSA. A proposal was made for a lending library of leveled readers with surplus funds from the budget.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE/GRANTS** - No report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Improved parent-school communication tools may not be available this fall, but are still in the development process at the District level.

**FACILITIES** - No Report

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH      CHRISTI**

- Spring Camp Beach Cleanup is planned.
- St. Edwards Earth Day event was a success.
- \$200 grant Department of Ecology was received.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING      PAULINE**

- Pauline is getting gifts for 6 graduating families.
- There will be a slideshow retrospective at May Community Mtg
- Janet sent letter inviting new families to May Community Mtg
- Need name tags (dg note - both spring camp and community meeting)

## **ENRICHMENT**

- Final culmination of Friday Specials at Spring Camp.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

7:50    5 min    **NEW BUSINESS/Q&A**

- Shannon-Is there scholarship money available to purchase DCS Memory Pages for families who cannot afford them? Is that something we would like to do? Surplus money is available for memory pages this year. A proposal was made to make \$100 available for memory pages.

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:53 PM.**

## **ADDENDUM:**

A motion was made via email by Stella to amend the budget by adding \$200 to the Green Team allowance. This affects the budget as follows: Total income remains the same at \$16,827; total expenses are \$20,590, with a deficit of \$3,763.90. The motion was seconded by Jill, and votes in favor of the motion were received from Diane, Stella, Pete, Jill, Dawn, Linda, Monica, Susan and Shannon.