

**DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL****Community Meeting Minutes***April 21, 2010**Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building***6:33 WELCOME** *presented by Dawn*

- Welcome to the April Community meeting!
- Policies are being updated on the website – stay tuned

**6:35 TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Stella*

- Financials update: over by \$500 in community outreach, but this was an issue that was known was going to happen
- At the next Steering Community meeting the Community Outreach chairs will ask for extra funds to cover this and if passed it will be brought to the Community Meeting for full approval
- Proposal for chairs/desks for teachers and Janet
- Dawn suggested purchasing computer desks and chairs for teachers and Janet at a proposed budget of \$3000 (this is over the projected need, but leaves room in case of any unexpected expenses) – proposed by Patty/Laura and passed

**6:38 TEACHER'S REPORT****Youngers** *presented by Diane*

- Did time, now doing measurements (length, width and height) and went from irregular measurements to a standard
- Worked with Middlers to write letters to Kensho
- Occupational Therapist and School Counselor have come in and talked to the kids

**Olders** *presented by Monica*

- Social Studies Themes – now in colonial Boston 1765 and they are broken into families; will start introducing themes that led to the revolution (taxes instituted, revolting, quartering, tea party, decision on direction to take). Students must create a background for their characters. Reading The Witch of Blackbird Pond.

**7:00 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *presented by Mark Bl.*

- LWSD will have no budget cuts for next year. Class sizes will remain steady.
- The school won a Washington achievement award.
- State Testing has changes this year:
  - In May rather than April
  - Shorter tests
  - 3rd – 6th grades test in reading and math
  - 4th grade tests in writing
  - 5th grade tests in science
  - 6th grade will pilot the test in online (for the math section)
  - more to come in the following weeks
- School Modernization – 22 April Mark will meet with the architects, and next week the design team meets (Diane and Jill are DCS representatives)
- School Survey being put together for the kids to gauge the “temperature” of the campus; will be used to see what’s going well to keep doing and what areas can use growth. No specific statistics will be sent out, but general concepts will be mailed out.

**7:10 ENRICHMENT** *presented by Cris*

- Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Thursday 6 May; still looking for a few more volunteers
- Friday Specials! April 16,23,& 30 - everyone had a good time, haven't heard any complaints. Need one more volunteer for jump rope. The play is going well (have 20 people involved).

**7:15 DCS OFFICER ELECTIONS** *presented by Pauline*

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- Open positions are:
  - (2) co-chair (each a one-year position)
  - (2) secretary (each a one-year position)
  - (1) assistant treasurer (a two-year position)
- Accepted Nominations:
  - Co-Chair: Jill Chowjko-Frank
  - Co-Chair: Laura Ruderman
  - Asst Treasurer: Shannon Schill
  - Secretary: Shelley Guzik
  - Secretary: David Pelton
- All nominations won

### 7:23 **SPRING CAMP** *presented by Laura*

- Spring Camp! May 7, 8 & 9 – <http://campindianola.org/>; you may be on the property at 3:00 pm (not earlier)
- Things to bring for games – handkerchief, Frisbee (follow up mail from Ingrid)
- For tie-dying please make sure to bring items - students will have a free t-shirt (mail from Nadine will follow)
- Sign up to volunteer!
- This is a "Community Group of Discovery Community School" Event; it is not DCS or LWSD Sponsored.

### 7:33 **COMMUNITY BUILDING** *presented by Pauline*

- Community Building Co-chair needed – need a replacement for Pauline
- New Families Co-coordinator needed – Shannon volunteered

### 7:35 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT** *presented by Dawn*

- Please be sure to log all of your volunteer hours. (Volunteering for PTSA counts!)
- There are two months of school left; are you on target to meet your volunteer hours?
- There is an extra opportunity for hours by driving for the Youngers to a fire station

### 7:37 **PTSA LIAISON REPORT** *presented by Angela*

- 22 April - PTSA Officer Nominees for 2010-2011 - Elections will be held at the April General Meeting at 7pm on Thursday April 22nd, in the library. All PTSA members are encouraged to attend. Open positions include:
  - President: Tricia Davis • Secretary: Tracie Jones • Treasurer: Lisa Adams
  - Co-VP Services: Erin Bell • Co-VP Services: Jean Williams
  - VP Ways and Means: Sharmin Banu
  - Co-VP Enrichment: Suzanne Everard • Co-VP Enrichment: Prerna Gupta
  - Co-VP Communications: Kathy Maynard • Co-VP Communications: Dawn Grant
  - The positions of Co-President, Vice President, and Co-VP of Ways and Means are still open. Interested candidates can be nominated from the floor at the April 22nd General Meeting. To inquire, please contact the PTSA Nominating Committee at [sandburgdcspts@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdcspts@yahoo.com)
- 23 April - Women in History Assembly
- 28 April - LWSF Luncheon 11:00am -12:30pm
- 30 April - School Carnival 6:00 - 8:30pm
  - Tickets will go on sale the week of April 26th during lunches
- 10 May - Awards dinner
- Spring After School Activities:
  - Mon. – Spanish Class
  - Tues. – Homework Club,
  - Wed. - Chess Club, Jump Rope Club
  - Thurs. – Homework Club
  - Fri. – Art Wizards, Striders (Already in Progress)
  - All Days - The Studio East School Play's info night will be April 14th. Auditions & practices start this month.

### 7:41 **COMMUNICATIONS** *presented by Dawn*

- If anyone is interested in being trained in Parent Organizer announcement posting – please email Dawn. HTML knowledge helpful but not necessary. Great work-at-home hours! Several people needed.

7:42            **HERBICIDE FREE**            *presented by Susan*

- Earth Day Weed Meet is this Sunday, April 25, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Do we have enough help to order some mulch???

7:43            **GREEN TEAM**            *presented by Susan*

- Thursday is Earth Day. Wear green!

7:44            **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** *presented by Susan*

- A kind note of thanks received from DESC and was shared with the students.
- No spring events planned

7:45            **SUMMER CAMP**            *presented by Jill*

- Summer Camp! August 6, 7, & 8 - <http://www.olympiacampground.com>
- You can still sign up, just contact the campground to make reservations (ask to be around the DCS group, but there is no discount) and then alert Jill
- This is a “Non-Sponsored” Event; it is not LWSD, DCS, or “Community Group of Discovery School” Sponsored

7:47            **MEMORY PAGES**            *presented by Shannon*

- Plea for pictures
- Upload photos for DCS Memory pages to the DCS Picasa photo account – see agenda for username & password
- Email: DCSMemoryPages (case sensitive, no spaces)
- Password: D1sc0v3ry (case sensitive, note numbers 1, 0, and 3 for i, o, and e)
- There will be order forms for these when Shannon can get to it
- Please upload pictures as soon as you can, especially after events like Spring Camp
- Memory Pages are DCS only; Carl Sandburg yearbook includes the whole school and one page per class and some specific DCS pictures

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- No Finance/Grant updates

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- No facilities updates

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- No new business (covered under specific groups)

7:52            **ADJOURN**