

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
Community Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2010 - 6:30PM to 8PM  
Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

**Principal's Report**

- We are down a copier at the school. One of the copiers was given to another school. We have 2 copiers for people to use.
- DCS Info. Night went well. About 75 families attended. Admission policies are being reworked to be consistent with the other two Community Schools in LWSD. If one twin gets in, the other twin will get in as well. The policy will be updated online. Please refer to that for details. The secondary choice schools do not have a sibling policy.
- Budget: there is a shortfall again this year. DCS/Sandburg will be affected. More details to come on how that will affect our school.
- The LWSD website says that we will have a new building in 2012. This is not going to happen. The Capitol Improvements Bond pays for construction of new schools. It needs a 60% supermajority to pass. This will be voted on Feb. 9, 2010. The district will know more after the election.
- DCS portable has been leaking. This is being addressed.

**Teacher's Report**

- Diane: She reviewed the "Kelso's Choice" conflict resolution program that is being used at school. The school counselor will be coming into the youngers class soon to talk with the kids about it.
- The youngers fieldtrip to the "Bug Safari" was a success and very informative for the kids. A power point presentation was shown of this activity. This was a kickoff for their insect unit in science. The kids currently have mealworms at their desks and are recording their observations.
- Carol: She presented a power point presentation, which included multiple activities. The Holiday Reading and Party as well as their current science unit. The kids have made terrariums and are busy recording all their experiments and observations. This is incorporating reading, writing and math. The Social Studies unit is "Early Native Americans of the NW Coast. The kids are learning Patriotic songs and singing them after the Pledge.
- Monica: She was attending a continuing education class. Carol reported that the middles and olders are enjoying the V-Math, which was obtained through a grant.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Stella reminded everyone who is in charge of a budget line item to please review your line item.
- Bus money allocation for each class is \$180.00 for fieldtrips.
- Mileage reimbursement has gone down. It is now .25 cents/mile, which is ½ the IRS rate.
- Contribution letters are going out to the community.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report**

- Kim reminded everyone that we are now in the second half of the school year. Please make sure you are up to date on your house.

**PTSA Liaison Report**

- The Wellness Team is heading up the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Pure Food Workshop next week during school time. The teacher's have their schedules.
- There is a math info night at Frost on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 about the new K-5<sup>th</sup> math curriculum.
- PTSA General Meeting is Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in the Library at 7PM.
- Levy election is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb. 9 is also an assembly with Circus of Sound.
- Feb. 9 is Mark Bloomquist's Birthday.
- Book Rodeo is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Herbicide Free**

- Denise let everyone know that there is a Weed Meet on Sunday, January 31 at 11AM.
- If anybody has any native plants or ground covers or plants that need dividing, please let Denise know. They will help you dig them up or pick them up after you have dug them up. The plan is to have more groundcover so we can do less weeding.
- Email her at: [denise@ennui67.com](mailto:denise@ennui67.com) or call 206-910-1985.

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### **Community Outreach**

- Setty thanked everyone for participating in the coin drive for Haiti through Mercy Corps. DCS raised over \$725.00
- Homeless Women's Shelter Luncheon will be on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Limited number of volunteers needed to serve and clean up. Open to Moms (no Dads) as well as male and female students grades 3-6.
- Needed donated items for the lunch: baked goods, fruit, rolls, salad and dressing or money for the lunch.
- A sign up will circulate at the next community meeting and via email.
- The shelter also accepts donations of personal care items.
- Contact Nancy Whittaker if you have questions: nancywhittaker@hotmail.com.

### **Friday Specials/Enrichment**

- Sherri thanked everyone for helping out in the Friday Specials. The kids are having a great time.

### **Community Building**

- There will be a Winter Event at the Finn Hill Cafeteria, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- PNO at Nancy W's house on March 12.
- Need a couple people to start early to make the chicken and rice casseroles for homeless women's lunch that is the next day.
- Donate: At that time people can drop off (and stay for PNO) donations for the women's luncheon.
- Grill Masters: Nancy will go to Costco for Women's Lunch and get burgers etc for dinner. We need contributions of food and drinks for dinner.
- Family Pool Party: Mountlake Terrace Pool, Sunday, March 14, 3:10-4:10.

### **Elections**

- DCS elections to be held in April. Nominations will be open in March for 2 co-chair positions, first year treasurer (this is a 2 year commitment) and 2 secretaries.
- Pauline would like someone to train into this position.

### **Spring Camp**

- Laura talked about Spring Camp. She handed out a list of popular Spring Camp Activities and asked people to decide if there is an activity they would like to run at Spring Camp. Please email her with what activity you are willing to run/coordinate at Spring Camp.
- The dates are: May 7-9.
- There is no school on Friday, May 7. We cannot be on the property until 3PM.
- The price will be staying the same or may go down a bit.
- Friday night dinner will be more structured. Dawn, Nancy and Kim to head this up.
- Requested specific volunteers to assist with dishwashing so that not one group of people are doing this task all weekend.
- The fort building on the beach will need to have supervision all day to avoid the conflicts that have happened in the past. A parent or parents will need to be supervising this area all day.
- The class skits are the parent's responsibility to organize, not the teachers. Jill has idea for the youngers class.

### **Summer Camp**

- Jill reported that the dates are August 6-8. It is your responsibility to call to make and pay for your reservation. The deadline is Feb. 1.
- The sites are reserved under Discovery Community School. Cal Rita at 360-943-8778.
- The non-refundable deposit is: \$28.00.

### **Memory Pages**

- Shannon reminded people to upload pictures to the DCS Picasa account.
- EMAIL: DCSMemoryPages (case sensitive, no spaces).
- Password: D1scOv3ry(case sensitive note numbers 1, 0 and 3 for i, o and e).