

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2009

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

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Meeting started at 6:38 p.m.

Dawn

WELCOME

- Community date meeting for March has changed – now 17th – noted in all locations
- Meet and greet with all members of committees – folks met with their committee chairs to greet other members of the committee they belong to

Mark Bl.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Thanks for your commitment
- Wednesday afternoons are spent on determining what do we want our kids to know and be able to do (find the results online with the Student Frameworks)
- Focus on math currently; throughout the year will be moving to new areas (like literacy and social studies)
- All School Assemblies are done monthly with a focus on life skills
- Sandburg (and thus DCS) have a new Counselor who is meeting with classes and talking about choices on dealing with problems
- H1N1 update – no new news; however, remember sanitation is one of the best preventive measures (ensuring wash hands before lunch for example); few cases have happened at the school and there has been no outbreak; the school is serious about kids going home if they are sick; this is coming from the King County Department of Health. There is no recommendation from King County that siblings need to stay home if one member is sick.

TEACHER'S REPORTS

Diane (Youngers)

- Things are going well
- Ruby Reminders (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruby_Bridges) These are reminders to aid with that; kids are using this to solve issues themselves. About empowering the kids (doesn't mean they are ignoring students and will intervene when needed/desired). Focus on performing the correct and appropriate behavior.
- New Social studies program – had to interview each other and then discuss ways each of them are special; good at; how others can learn from them; what others can help them with.

Carol (Middles)

- Shared pictures of the field trip to Washington State Corn Maze
- ARFF (Achievement, Respect, Fun, and Freedom) – available on Carol's portal site (<http://publicportal.lwsd.org/schools/discovery/cfletcher/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/47/ARFF%20presentation.ppt>).
- Talked about kid's reaction to ARFF and Ruby Reminders

Monica (Olders)

- Shared pictures of the field trip to Burke Museum (early Americans, archaeology) and UW Seismology Lab
- The class has been working on Earth Science and Math Games

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- Attended Denny's High Trust Workshop (<http://www.hightrust.net/>) - using "may" rather than "please"; "support" rather than "help"; things are now "jobs" not giving orders – responsibility lies with the student.

Pete **Treasurer's Report**

- Budget is doing pretty good; still early in the year; not much spending yet
- Gone over in class library for Olders and Parent Organizer
- Contributions – a little under \$6000 under budget; corporate matching is a little under \$1500 under budget

Kim **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Try not to scramble to get your hours at the end
- All positions filled except Facilities Chair
- Steady flow of 6-7 hours per month is optimal

Angela **PTSA LIAISON REPORT**

- Fun Run results made its goal – and a little over; participation down – 70% rather than 80%; 5th and 6th were above average (5th in DCS was also in top 3 so got pizza party); survey out next week on it
- PTSA updates
 - 3 Nov - PACE is coming
 - 4 Nov – Math Night – games and concessions for sale – to benefit Outdoor Ed
 - 5 Nov – reception for Reflections (submissions due next week)
 - 18 Nov - Skate King
 - Scholarship basket theme – holiday items
 - Wellness team – walk to school week; harvest fair; fitness fun; national nutrition month; bike to school month; trekking Tuesday; workshop pure food; write tips on healthy foods for informer; see Angela to find out more
 - 301 members of PTSA
 - Production – Once upon a mattress at Finn Hill Jr High

Cameron **FINANCE/GRANTS**

- Submitted grant for online math program that will help Middles and Olders
- Results will be known in 9 Nov

Leo **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Please send your non-time sensitive announcements to Parent Organizer po@dcscg.org rather than sending an individual email to dcs-business@dcscg.org. Please be sure to write out the announcement, as you would like it shown.

Susan **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Food Lifeline (www.foodlifeline.org) — Sat, Nov 21. Two shifts are reserved, so we need a headcount to determine if we need to drop a shift. The work could entail anything, but typically has involved sorting foods.
- UNICEF boxes (<http://youth.unicefusa.org/trickortreat/>) available as an opt in program. – feel free to pick up or read directions and submit money or drop off at Janet's office.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH (CONT.)

- Mercy Corps - Mercy Kits (<http://www.mercycorps.org/mercykits>) could be done with the coin drive
- Hopelink – do a giving board to allow folks to choose items that they want to help someone out with
- School supplies
- For December: in-class craft for retirement center (Life Care Center) and a gift collection for Hopelink.
- Come out and pick weeds or pick up litter; next one is this Sunday

Cris

Enrichment

- Thanks for all who showed up for Friday Specials; tomorrow is last session
- Next series – art related (textiles, oils, whatever) –
 - what do arts you know about?
 - Current presenters include Jump rope teacher, Kinetic arts; juggling; dance; puppet show
 - this will all come up to a Gallery event (Winter event) email to go out in November. Performance day after midwinter break (19 Feb)
 - dates are January: 15, 22, 29; February 5

Nadine

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Thanks for Parent’s night out
- Leo - Fall Event! This Sunday (25 Oct), weed pull, lunch of pizza, and then some other activities (at Finn Hill Jr High Cafeteria); this is budgeted – more on email

Shannon

MEMORY PAGES

- Please send in photos from field trips and other DCS events to Shannon Barnes

NEW BUSINESS

- Dawn - Shannon presented for her daughter on the value and memories of Outdoor Ed.
- Jill made a Motion: Agree to spend \$1,318 from surplus funds to support Outdoor Ed for our 6th graders.
- Second: Betty
- Passed unanimous.

Sara S

- DCS apparel – order form coming out shortly; same vendor as last year; lots of colors; adult and child sizes; brief window for purchasing

Patty

- Went to levy meeting; district said they have board approval to go to 4 year high school (2014 – 2015)
- Juanita has the room now
- Finn Hill Jr High will be rebuilt by 2011 – 2012
- Finn Hill needs to know now if Finn Hill will be a Middle School or Jr High. This would move 6th graders to Finn Hill; could move DCS to k – 5.

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