

Discovery Community School
Steering Meeting
February 4, 2010
Location: Library

Start: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Laura, Stella, Pete, Nadine, Shelley, Dawn, Diane, Pauline, Jill, Cameron, Susan and Sherri

Principal's Report

- Mark was not able to attend the meeting and so Diane reported for him.
- There will be no WASL this year. Projected test dates are May – May 28. The new test is called the “MSP” for grades 3-8. The test will be online.
- 2 Sandburg teachers are piloting a program to have the grades be online. March report cards will be the same as they have always been. The online grades may be by the last grading period.
- Playground equipment will not go in midwinter break. It will most likely be in March.
- K registration was today.
- DCS lottery will be on 2/5/10. There are three open slots for First grade with 29 applications. The other grades have wait lists. There are 13 on the wait list for Second grade with 6 applications for Second grade. Third grade has one spot and one application. Fifth grade has 2-3 spots with 5 applications.

Teacher's Report

- Diane presented a proposal for \$225.00 for more math materials. This was approved by Steering and will be taken to the next Community meeting for vote.

Treasurer's Report

- We began the 2010-2011 budgeting process at the steering committee meeting.
- Diane is going to meet with the other teachers and with Janet to discuss their budgetary needs for the coming year. They will also look at future needs, for example, around the potential move to a K-5 situation, for purposes of long range budget planning. Diane will pass this staff input on to Stella by the end of February 23rd.
- Dawn is going to coordinate with other to firm up the game plan for accommodating DCS e-mail communication moving forward. This plan will include defining any budget impact for 2010-2011.
- Stella is going to send an e-mail out to the community requesting budget input from committee heads and any others who would like to provide input on the 2010-2011 budget. She will request that this input be provided to her by the end of February 23rd.
- Stella, Pete, Dawn and Jill will meet approximately one week prior to the next steering committee meeting (March 4th) to develop a 2010-2011 budget proposal, incorporating input received, for review at the steering committee meeting. This will include a recommendation for community contributions per child – whether to keep these at \$200 per child per year or to recommend modifying this number.
- The 2010-2011 budget proposal will be reviewed, modified and approved at the March 4th steering committee meeting.
- The 2010-1022 budget proposal will then be presented at the March 18th full DCS Community Meeting for discussion and approval.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

- Nothing to report

PTSA Liaison Report

- Angela reported there would be a “Circus of Sound” assembly February 9.
- Science Expo on March 18.
- Science Van coming on March 8 or 9.
- Assembly from Pacific Science Center.
- Feb. 9 is the Election for Schools.
- Book Rodeo – Feb. 26.

Facilities

- Nothing to report

Finance/Grants

- Nothing to report

Community Outreach

- Susan reported. The theme for March is “helping the Homeless. This will include: Homeless Women’s Lunch; Sack Lunches for Union Gospel; Making cards for both; Collecting needed items i.e. Toiletries; Reading books /watching movie in class about homelessness.

Community Building

- Laura reported on Spring Camp. She asked for buy-in from Steering on reducing the cost from \$260.0 for 2 nights for a family of 4 to \$200.00 and for 1 night for a family of 4 from \$200.00 to \$160.00.
- Day Use fee is still to be determined. It would be somewhere in the area of \$25-\$30.00/ per person.
- \$2,000.00 came from the budge to subsidize the event. It may make us go over budget by about \$100.00. Camp Indianola prices did go up a bit this year.
- A lot of discussion was had about setting a deadline for cancellations. After the deadline, the fees paid for spring camp would be non refundable. The details have yet to be determined.
- Friday Night Dinner will be more organized this year. We anticipate more people due to no school on that Friday, so the foods costs may increase.

Communications

- Nothing to report

Enrichment

- Sherri reported that Friday Specials are going well.
- Winter Event on February 19th. Set up is at 4:00 at Finn Hill Jr. High. Event will start at 6:30 and go until 8:00 allowing 45 minutes for clean up.

Other Business

- Pauline reported on upcoming Elections. They will be announced in the February Community Meeting.
- March 1 nominations will be opened up.
- April Community meeting, the community will vote for the 5 open positions.

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.