

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Steering Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2009

Location: Library

Members Present: Jill, Dawn, Mark, Diane, Stella, Pete, Angela, Setty, Shelley, Nadine, Pauline, Leo, Sherri

START: 6:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Policies for Choice Schools are being standardized within the district. Issues being addressed are: sibling preferences, twins/multiples, pull out Quest.
- Meeting in next few weeks to define issues.
- Great math night on 11/4/09.
- PTSA approved funds to replace climbing dome on playground. PTSA General Meeting vote next TH.
- ½ days coming up for Thanksgiving weekend.
- Outdoor Ed coming up in December.

TEACHER'S REPORT

- Getting ready for Learning Celebrations. Janet will be coordinating this event. Will continue with Pie Share tradition.
- Report cards will go out Wednesday, November 25, after Learning Celebration.
- Information Night for DCS – January 12, 2010. It was suggested to have six “tour guides” to assist with information night.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Budget will be sent out via email.
- Pete has revised the budget format to make it easier for the community to understand.
- Pete showed an example at steering meeting.
- Please refer to new format for details.

VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

- Kim could not make it. However, Jill reported that Kim had confirmed with Janet about counting hours when both parents attend meetings. Both parents' hours ARE counted when they both attend a meeting.

PTSA REPORT

- PTA General Meeting 11/12/09
- \$5,000 for new playground equipment to be voted on at General PTSA meeting on 11/12/09.
- Applied for 4 grants and received approval for 1.
- Buying 2 bulletin boards for ASB events. Will be posted in both buildings.
- Levy in February, 2010. Each school has been requested to have 30 people make calls requesting people support these school levies. See vote4lwsdkids.org for more information.
- “PACK” week at school this week. Sponsored by the wellness committee.
- Need waiver for “Skate King” event on November 18, 2009. This is a new requirement.

GRANTS

- Approval was granted for V-Math subscription for middles and olders classes.

FACILITIES

- Weeding Day went well.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- UNICEF Boxes due 11/6/09.
- Food lifeline event: November 21. 35 people per shift can be accommodated. We are covering two shifts.
- Coin Drive: Mercy Corp. Kids will vote what kit they want to support/purchase.
- Hopelink Gift Drive: Tags to be setup up possibly by the sign in book in the youngers class. The tags will be very specific listing the item to purchase for a child.
- LifeCare: Looking into a craft for the kids to make for the residents at Life Care in Kirkland. The idea of the kids making cards was discussed. Jill reports she has lots of stamps that can be used to make the cards. PTA has a lot of supplies for making cards per Angela.

COMMUNITY BUILDING/ENRICHMENT

- Fall Event went great. About 30-35 people came. \$437.09 was the total cost for the event. \$150.00 went towards janitor costs.
- Winter Event: This will be tied into Friday Specials. Chris is heading this up. The plan is to have a "Gallery Showing of Art Events". Will be held at Finn Hill Jr. High on Feb. 19, 2010. Extensive discussion on costs for this event.
- It was purposed by Stella to spend \$500.00 for enrichment for this event. Cris to provide details for what the money will be used for. This will be brought up at the next community meeting.
- Spring Event: Pool Party to be held in the Spring at Mountlake Terrace Pool. Approximate cost: \$280.00. Budgeted: \$200.00

COMMUNICATIONS

- Leo brought up option of Twitter as another tool for community communication.
- DCS email lists will not be available after this year. The parent, who manages it on his server, will not be a DCS parent next year.
- Leo will look into other options.

NEW BUSINESS/NEW QUESTIONS:

- Nothing to new to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 p.m.