

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Meeting Agenda

19 January 2011

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

6:30 **WELCOME** *presented by Jill/Laura*

opened with a slide show of students in action at various DCS activities (what is being shown at the informational night)

Elections Coordinator? Elections come up soon, and we need someone to look into this

6:48 **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *presented by Mark*

You might think to look at Finn Hill Jr. High information night. Probably too late when you see this since it is 20 Jan 6:30 – 9:00 PM, but think about this next year.

Conference week starts next week, it will be a chance to see how your child has progressed from last fall.

Report cards are also coming out, and they will be slightly different this year with some of the terms being used. Your teacher will be able to help out with interpretations. In addition, there is now the "0.5" range in scores to allow grades to give a little more information on where in the range of a grade a student is falling in.

Sat in with architects to determine where the fence will go in on 18 June for the start of construction, and how to deal with where the playground will be. Will be looking at alternatives to help deal with a small playground that will last that way for 12 – 13 months. Looking to finalize on the finish of the building (outside and the inside).

Working closely on the math program. Working with the NetBooks has helped with this (and they have been finding some issues and those are being rectified).

6:57 **TEACHER'S REPORT**

Youngers presented by Diane

Demonstrated a typical math story problem, and how the work requires more thought than just knowing results. Walked through the 100 chart that students are using (these are available as a soft copy if you want to mail Diane for a copy).

Demonstrated the use of the NetBooks, and how they worked in various programs.

Olders presented by Monica

Lately they have been multiplying and dividing fractions as well as understanding the concepts behind the equations. Showed some questions of how the students were assessed, and how the students were to conceptualize the problem in order to resolve it.

Reading a novel called Mara, Daughter of the Nile to help give a feeling of the time they are studying in history. There is also a presentation planned by an Egyptologist.

7:26 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** *presented by Kim*

Mentioned that there are lots of volunteer hours available especially for the Friday Specials. Helping out with PTSA will count towards your time, as well as attending meetings like the Steering committee meeting.

7:30 **DISCOVERY TIME** *presented by Laura*

Part of the purpose of this meeting is for community building not just information dissemination. Did an ice-breaker exercise to help folks get to know each other a bit more.

7:42 **TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Shannon S.*

Have received only about half of the donations that should have come through, so please send in your donations. If you are not sure how much, alert Shannon and she will let you know. Don't forget that you can also have your company match the funds if they do that. Discussed how to check up on matching funds at both Boeing and Microsoft. As an FYI, it can take a while for these matching funds to get to DCS.

7:47 **ENRICHMENT** *presented by James*

Call for volunteers to help with Friday specials (the play {Suzie/Stella}, set design/costume {Susan}, photography {Cris.Julie}, 4th track)
Discussion on why play is not being held at the Spring Camp.
Discussion about the 4th track, Tom and James could run a track if necessary, but it will be tough for them if they are also running the show. Would like to have this along show or art theme. Will try to get this decided by the end of the meeting.

7:58 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** *presented by Susan and Cori and Setty*

Feb Weed Meets: Wed Feb 9 & Sun Feb 27
Women's Homeless Luncheon - Sat March 5th – volunteers needed for prep work as well as delivery work. Sign up sheet passed around.
Thank you for all the donated gifts for Hopelink!!
Rummage Sale: Sat, Feb 12 9a-12n a benefit for Water for People
Who needs a table? The deadline for reserving a table for the Rummage Sale is Feb. 1. If we don't have at least 12 participants we'll have to cancel the event.
Cindy and Cameron ready to set up bake sale for 6th grade Outdoor Ed.

8:06 **COMMUNITY BUILDING** *presented by Peggy and Cris*

Swim Event - later March? Will be at Montlake Terrace, but still looking for a good date
Winter Event, March 11 6:30 - 8:30
Looking for a co-chair
Folks can do art work at home to bring to the event; look for a form coming home to describe for those who want to bring in art that is not being done in the Friday Specials. There are certain rules and regulations on the art, and that will be on the form. There are deadlines associated with this, so please review the form when you get it.
Discussed practice time for the flash mobs from the kids – rehearsals are March 5th Saturday 4-6 most likely at Keller Elem. And Wednesday March 9th after school in the covered play space. We will need 3 parent volunteers but it is a closed event to parents.

8:18 **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee chairs are sticking around, so please feel free to stick around and talk to them.
Summer Camp will be coming, but need to know when to do it - First or Last Weekend in August?
Please E-mail Jill with your thoughts.
We have shopping bags available (\$2 a piece)
Please alert folks if you cannot bring snacks when you are signed up for them.

8:22 **ADJOURN**

COMMITTEE TIME

Winter Event (Cris)
Bake Sale (Cameron)
Friday Specials (James)