DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2010

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

6:37 **WELCOME** presented by Jill

6:38 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by* Diane/Monica/Carol

Youngers – things are going fine, and they recently went to <u>Kelsey Creek Farm</u>. They have also been studying about what is air

Middles – working on getting through the basics and it has been going great. Community building has been going very well; in particular working on making choices. For science they are working on water and its properties. A special thanks to the parents who have been helping out – it has been great.

Olders – they have new netbooks (there are 32 of them, and they will be rotated through the classes and came as part of a pilot program) that include cameras in them as well as a stylus, and writable screen. Ball chairs are going well; they were introduced to the whole class at once. They recently went on a field trip to Challenges Northwest for team building exercises, and was well worth the costs. The social studies emphasis this year is ancient cultures.

7:04 **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** presented by Mark

Goal setting conferences are starting tomorrow, and this is something the district is doing now. It is a great chance for the kids to be involved with setting their goals. Now measuring kids towards a standard (more information at http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Testing-Grades/Pages/Proficiency-Scales.aspx), which is different from the past where adding up points, produced the grade. They are also looking at how kids are progressing over time.

New building update – recent testing to see if the new building can be heated via geothermal means as well as some discussions on layout of location of some offices, library layout, classroom layout. They have done some great work on the preliminary designs. Once this gets to a more finished state, these plans can be and will be shared with everyone.

Netbooks – we are one of a few schools piloting these machines. We are the only school with these netbooks (that are tablets) – each grade level has one set (DCS has a set) as do the specialists. The school is looking to be at a 3 to 1 ratio with computers and there is a computer lab in the new building.

7:15 TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Pete

Not much changes, and everything is on track. Please get your matching fund forms to Shannon. Boeing now matches volunteer time – 50 hours are matched with \$500, and you use the same form as you do for cash donations. If possible, please do online matching/giving as it streamlines the process and avoids constant double checking of the corporate forms.

Fund requests should be submitted to Pete, and you can use kid mail.

Surplus Funds Requests

Steering Committee approved an expense for Youngers for the IXL Math (see

http://www.ixl.com/math/standards/washington), and then also extended this on to Middles and Olders which adds \$400 (\$200 per class). As a note, Olders are currently using VMath which is a district wide program (Jill/Shannon motion – passed unanimously)

7:27 **PTSA** presented by Dawn

Informer comes out every Tuesday, and in it is the following information:

The entire month of October is Walk, Bike, Bus month.

Please donate puzzles to the scholarship basket in the main office. Logic, wood, jigsaw, etc. puzzles would be wonderful! Contact Erin Bell (farleybell@comcast.net) with any questions. Thank you!

Weed Meet presented by Ingrid

We would like to have some folks out on this Sunday (24 October at 11:00 am) to spread mulch. Also looking for one more truck to help bring out two more yards of mulch.

7:30 **COMMUNICATIONS**

presented by Dawn

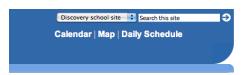


Website Tour of school site -

http://www.lwsd.org/school/discovery/Pages/default.aspx

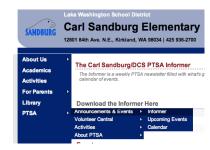
From the navigation on the left side you can choose the parent section which offers minutes from the meetings, frequently asked questions, forms for reimbursement, and more

At the top right is the link to the calendar: which has every event and is the ultimate spot for all event listings – this supersedes any other list (which there should not be any other



Parents can get some family access to information about attendance, grade book, lunch balance, etc. from https://parent.lwsd.org/. Some folks mentioned having some problems and Mark will look into it.

Some folks are not getting the Informer, it was recommended that you check with Janet if you are not getting it. It is also available from the Carl_Sandburg website. Choose PTSA from the left pane and then select Announcements & Events and Informer.



Parent Organizer has been having issues with the amount of time needed to upload information, and so is now only used for field trips.

7:46 **ENRICHMENT**

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presented by Tom

Friday special coming up soon, and Friday the kids will be able to choose what they want to do. They have a good set of volunteers but will not turn away anyone who might be interested in joining in.

7:48 **COMMUNITY BUILDING** D

presented by Nadine

Parent's Night Out - November 6, at Shannon and Jon's house at 7:00 pm. Make sure you RSVP, please. Fall Camp sounded like it was great (thanks to "The Palazzo-Soltani Movie Group" for organizing it) 95 rolls of Toilet paper collected and taken to the Kenmore Shelter

Amy is looking to get all apparel order forms by this coming Monday (you can send it via kid mail with Tirzah in the Youngers) or leave a note to be picked up on Monday. Adding to the list of items will be v-neck shirts; please contact Amy (see the roster for email address). Will also be making available Shopping Bags with the DCS logo available on them. The items will be available at the next community meeting. These items are budget neutral, and are only made available to increase the awareness of the school and building community. There will be another order in the spring, and if there are other items you would like to see available contact Amy.

7:53 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** presented by Susan

<u>UNICEF collection boxes</u> for Halloween are available if your kids would like to have kids raise money for them. Susan has boxes, and you can either turn them in at a coinstar location (like at QFC) or to Janet and Susan will handle turning it in. If you think about doing this, then you might alert your neighbors ahead of time so they can expect this.

Pennies for Water – reminder that there is a water jug that is collecting money for this.

Successful TP drive - 95 rolls were donated to the Kenmore Shelter

Men's Shelter in Bellevue – still looking for someone who is willing to run this. Laura will be willing to help point folks to resources.

Rummage Sale – this is an idea to avoid constantly dipping into pockets for donations. As they investigate this more there will be more information.

Food Life Line: Sat. Nov 20th. Sign up list available. What task will be done will not be known until the day of the event. Kids

have to be 6 or older to participate. There will be 2 shifts and only 30 can sign up per shift.

8:05 **NEW BUSINESS & GOOD OF THE ORDER** presented by multiple people

Spring Camp had some items that were not claimed, no one still claimed them Spring camp is Mother's Day weekend in 2011

Child safety information – just a reminder to talk to kids about potential dangers (see a recent <u>local news story</u>). Mark also sent out information on generic safety issues last week.

Upcoming Dates

- Half-Days Conferences Oct. 21, 22, 25
- Weed Meet Sun. Oct. 24 11:00 a.m.
- Special Needs Meeting Tues. Oct. 26 from 7:00 8:30 p.m. at the LWSD Resource Center
- PTSA General Meeting Thurs. Oct. 28 from 7:00 8:30 p.m.
- Register for Mandarin Chinese Club; Fridays from 3:30 4:30 p.m. starting October 29th
- School Library Halloween Parade Fri. Oct. 29 starts at 2:15 p.m. (stop in the front office and sign in! wear your nametag over your costume!)
- Parent Ed Night (Childhood Stress & Anxiety) Tues. Nov. 2 from 7:00 8:30 p.m. at the Carson Elementary Commons
- Family Math Night Wed. Nov. 3 from 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- Picture Retakes Wed. Nov. 17
- Seattle Kids Marathon Sat. Nov. 27 from 10:00 a.m. at the Seattle Center.

Please make sure we are picking up when leaving the meeting.

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