

# **DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

## **Steering Meeting**

**Location: Jill's House**

**December 9, 2010**

Start Time: 6:30

Members Present: Jill, Laura, Mark, Diane, Shannon S, Dawn, Nadine, Cameron, Setty, Cris, Tom, James, Dawn, Shelley, Shannon B.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Mark reported. The new school models were on display at the Craft Fair. There are plans in Mark's office that everyone is welcome to look at. The Architects have done a good job with the design. There will be a modernization blog regarding the new building put onto LWSD website.
- There are record salmon runs at the camp where Outdoor Ed is currently being held. There were some local news crews going to the area to film.
- Conferences will be the end of January this year. They will consist of report card reviews and evidence/progress towards the kid's goals.
- If the power goes out right before school starts, school will still be held. If the power goes out in the middle of the night, individual schools can be cancelled which that day would not have to be made up since it would not be a district wide cancellation.

### **TEACHER'S REPORT:**

- Diane reported. The Learning Celebration went well and there was a great turnout of parents.
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders are at Outdoor Ed.
- Information Night for DCS will be on January 11, 2011. They are looking into reducing the observation time for prospective parents from 1 hour to 30 minutes.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Shannon S. reported. She reminded everyone to send in their dues when they are able to do so.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Dawn reported that PO is still not working correctly. Dawn motioned to cancel PO and it was approved unanimously. She will be emailing PO to cancel the subscription and to request a refund.
- Several people mentioned that some PTSA's are using a system called, "Constant Contact". The other groups have reported that it works well.
- Dawn will discuss with her co-chair, Hannah to research Constant Contact as an option.

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING:**

- Nadine reported. She had talked with Frani regarding the role of the Hospitality Coordinator. Frani would like the role to have less responsibility. A lengthy discussion was had about what other people have done in that the position and how to make it more manageable for Frani. No conclusion was reached. It will be further addressed with Frani, Nadine and Allison.

### **FINANCE/GRANTS:**

- Cameron reported. LWSO Foundation grant for V-Math is currently on hold. It may be hold secondary to V-Math not being on the approved Technology list with the district. Currently, DCS is using IXL Math, which Diane reported she was pleased with.
- Dawn reported on the following: The PTSA is currently taking grant applications from teachers. There is an \$8,000.00 surplus available to the teachers. The PTSA will start looking at the proposals in early January.
- DCS has contributed \$250.00 for musical instruments. None of it has been spent yet. Currently, Mark and the two music teachers are working on the details.
- The ball chairs are not approved by the district for full day access. They are only approved for intermittent use. Mark will cancel the ball chair order.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Setty reported. Food lifeline event went well. They packed 19,000 pounds of potatoes.
- Hopelink Giving Tree gifts are due by 12/16/10.
- February Rummage Sale – Ten or so people said they would be interested in participating. The date will be January 12 and it will be a 3 hour event. Setty suggested inviting Sandburg families to participate as well. A notice will go out in the next week's Informer regarding the event. The DCS kids will choose the charity to which the proceeds will go. A custodian will be hired at the rate of \$33.00/hour.
- A bake sale will be held at the rummage sale to raise money for 2011 Outdoor Ed trip.

#### WINTER EVENT:

- Cris reported. The date will be March 11, 2011. Cris is awaiting confirmation from the district for having it at Finn Hill Jr. High.
- The January Friday Specials will be coordinating groups for the event.
- There will be hospitality; food and cleanup teams organized to assist/organize the event. Sign ups for these teams will go out in January to parents.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Jill reported. Kim and Janet will meet in January to discuss the 6 families who are under 26 hours of volunteer hours.
- Janet is tracking community meeting attendance. There are 8 families who have missed at least 2 meetings. Laura reported that Kim would be at the January steering meeting to give a full report on volunteer hours and community meeting attendance.
- A policy needs to be established outlining the steps that will be taken should families fail to meet their community meeting attendance and volunteer hour requirements. This will be addressed at the January steering meeting.

ADJOURN: 8:20 PM