

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Steering Meeting Minutes

Location: DCS/Sandburg Library

March 3, 2011

Members Present: Hannah, Laura, Pete, Scott, Stella, Peggy, Shannon B., Cris, Kim, Jill, Janet, James, Shannon S., Dawn, Ingrid, Susan, Shelley, Diane

Start: 6:30

- Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reported that Mark would be unable to attend.

Teacher's Report

- Diane reported for Mark. He will contact the 4th grade parents in the next week regarding setting up a meeting about outdoor ed. There will be something for next years graduating 5th grade students, it has just not been finalized.
- Diane reported for Monica that none of the current 4th grade parents have come to her about their concerns regarding outdoor ed for next year. Diane encouraged everyone to please go to Monica and discuss his or her concerns with her. Monica wants to do what is best for the kids.
- Kindergarten will not be an option for DCS with the reconfiguration into a K-5 school. Diane will be meeting with the other choice schools regarding ideas on how to reconfigure the classrooms. Diane and Mark would like four parents on a committee to help with problem solving this dilemma with the district.
- Jill will follow up with Mark regarding choosing the four people for the committee.

Treasurer's Report

- Pete reported that currently DCS a little over budget. Shannon S. reported that family and matching contributions are still coming in.
- Lengthy discussion/planning for next years 2011-2012 budget. Proposed budget was approved by steering and will be taken to the March 2011 Community meeting to be voted on.
- Please see attached budget for 2011-2012 for complete details.

Communications

- Hannah/Dawn reported on the proposed new system called, "Constant Contact". The features such as email, event marketing and a library to upload documents are some of the benefits. A new line item was made in the budget "electronic communication". It will be taken to community for a vote.

Winter Event

- Cris reported that everything is going on track with the planning. Currently, there is 73% family participation.
- The adult flash mob practice will be the same time as the kids.

Community Outreach

- Susan reported on upcoming events, which are the sack lunches for the homeless and the women's luncheon. She requested additional funding for next years budget. Refer to proposed budget for details.

PTSA

- It was suggested that DCS needs a better way to increase communication with PTSA. Janet will follow up with the PTSA secretary to have her name put on the communications list.

Community Building

- Shannon B. reported on 2 options for the memory pages. One option is to continue with the way it has been done. The cost will be increasing to \$23.00 not including a binder. The binders are available for \$8.50 to \$9.50. There is an option to just purchase the pages and provide your own binder. The other option is make it a soft cover yearbook. The cost would be \$19.42. The cons with this are: summer delivery, not as many pictures and a very short amount of time to put it together.
- It was decided Shannon would continue with the same format that has been done.

New Business

- Jill reported that the projected date for summer camp is the 1st weekend of August at the same place as last year.

Adjourn: 8:30