

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Steering Meeting Agenda

September 2, 2010

Location: Carl Sandburg Library

Attendees: Jill C-F, Pete, Tom C-F, Diane, Nadine, Shannon B, Laura, Susan V, David P, James, Cindy,, Shannon S, Kim, Peggy, Frannie, Hannah, Cameron, Mark

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

Did a round robin with everyone introducing themselves and mentioning their kids name and class.

6:36 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** *presented by Kim*

Discussion on the org chart and the needs for the classrooms with Youngers having the greatest needs, but all classes have some needs.

Mail will go out to help look for more help in certain areas.

One spot on the org chart is the library position for each class; it is thought this might not be needed anymore. Kim will talk to the teachers to see if this is still needed.

6:49 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by Diane*

There was a donation of 4 chairs for the adults by Dawn. These chairs are nice and appreciated. The kids are enthusiastic and nice, and Mark is due in classes soon to read a story or talk to the kids.

This year a theme being worked on is the "bucket". You fill up your bucket with positive thoughts and deeds, and it is emptied with negative thoughts and actions. The school will also have a physical bucket where kids can drop in ideas that fill your bucket; five kids will be chosen from that each week and have lunch with Mark.

Monica ordered the chairs already. The chairs will be added in waves with kids earning their right to have the ball by completing "training" on the ball chair usage.

Janet's color printer is dying and will need a new printer. The tech budget should have enough money to cover this replacement. When a discussion was held about ways to get this cheaper it will need to be a printer that is supported by the district.

There was a discussion about any school wide memorial for Mark Hayward. Currently there are no plans, but that will be played by ear. Mrs. Manning has replaced Mark.

7:00 **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *presented by Mark*

It has been a quiet couple of days.

Did recently review the first draft of the plans for the new school building. Jill added that Mark really went to bat to make sure enough class rooms were in the new building for the whole population including DCS. A further discussion continued on the new building.

September 16th will be the curriculum night.

7:08 **TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Pete*

A quick synopsis of the finances mentioning that there is about \$2,600 in checking and \$16,000 in savings. The statements from the bank were showing more money than the books were showing, and reconciliation showed show 8 checks written over the last 4 years have still not been cashed. These checks are no longer valid, and the account has been reconciled with the

bank.

On the paperwork end, new checks were ordered with “valid for 90 days” printed on the checks to help keep the accounts straight. Paperwork has been filed with the state for renewal of non-profit status and appropriate work with the IRS.

No one is over budget right now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:11 FINANCE/GRANTS *presented by Cameron*

Folks may have heard about the various programs around that introduce a piano(s) into the community to foster community growth and interaction (see http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38570365/ns/local_news-everett_wa/ for an event in Everett, WA this summer as well as the art project at www.streetpianos.com). There has been discussion starting with Carol about doing this at Carl Sandburg, bringing out a piano at recess time to build the community among the kids.

Chasing a grant for this (about \$1000 for the piano, storage costs, annual tuning costs, etc) could be a long process, so a discussion was held about possibly looking for other means to cover this cost. In addition, ideas were discussed on how to cut down the cost of purchasing the piano.

There was also a discussion about the other logistics involved with presenting this to the school as well as one about how to use excess funds that carry over from each year.

7:24 COMMUNICATIONS *presented by Laura*

Introduced Hannah as the new co-chair, and mentioned that all the email and parent organizer information has been sent out.

7:25 ENRICHMENT *presented by Tom C-F*

Added James as a co-chair.

Coming up with ideas for the Friday specials: soap making (will run about \$200); ice cream making; sushi making (idea for the winter event with the kids providing the food).

Starting to get volunteers for the sessions as well as dates.

7:33 COMMUNITY BUILDING *presented by Nadine R*

September 10th will be a Non-Sponsored Event - Parents Night Out at David and Amy's. Just a get together that is not a DCS sponsored event; see the email for more details.

Setty is working on the Fall event and is working on the following thoughts/ideas around a Halloween theme like: a “drive-in” movie event (making cars to use for the drive-in); pumpkin carving; apple bobbing; face painting. Locations and dates are being mulled over.

OTHER BUSINESS

7:33 NEW BUSINESS/Q&A *presented by...*

Jill – apologizes for not introducing the new families and then a discussion of what worked and didn't work at the Root Beer social. Talked about ideas to help make it better: supervisor for little kids so they can play outside or in another room to help cut down the noise; finding ways to separate the different purposes of the meeting (like filling out forms, giving information, etc); can forms be more electronic

Jill – the new pictures for the steering committee are taken, but some of them have to be added to the bulletin board.

Jill – was summer camp fun? Should it be done again?

Frannie – collected names for who would bring treats for community meetings.

7:55 ADJOURN

No Reports this month:

Community outreach