

# DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Community Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2011

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

### 6:35 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT      Presented by Mark

- Construction update: Basement walls are done, retaining wall will be going up soon near the natural playground. Building enclosed goal is January. New stripes were added on the playground for hop scotch and four square.
- What to do when you volunteer: you may go directly to DCS office and write your name on the volunteer check-in sheet. To check kids out, please continue to use the main office and use check out form, indicate apt or sick.
- Safety: Please be respectful of neighborhood and don't block entrances or mail boxes with cars. Reminder: law states we are not allowed to park 20 feet of stop signs. Police may check our area. The East side of 82 (behind school) is no parking zone. Improving safety: looking into adding signs, cones, and a well marked crosswalk with guard.

### 6:50 TEACHER'S REPORT      Presented by Diane/Carol/Monica

- **Diane:** Went over colored math work sheets showing what a new topic or chapter looked like. Topic tests grades: #3 is the highest rating on some tests so don't be worried that your child didn't receive a 4. Has also been working on center activities such as allgebra, uses cool balancing tool. Diane brought in for demonstration. Scott Peterson (Bryce's dad) came in to talk about construction cranes and job shacks, Greg (Austin's dad) came into talk about safety.
- **Carol:** Next field trip Nov 10 Fort Nisqually and Point Defiance Zoo to discuss early settlers. Working on story paths, how NW coast people lived and created a story. Using the info they read, build characters and chiefs of clan. Art docent comes in twice a month clay. Music teacher having them learn new instruments and related music. Started cursive. Started team building activities. One of their activities is to come up with a team and designate a purpose (like holiday cheer team), description (in charge of decorating), design a motto, logo, develop advertising, list group members and what each persons strengths are.
- **Monica:** Showed pictures of field trip at Bellevue Community Center (Bold program). Two facilitators assisted with team building challenges. Other field trip was to UW campus Burke Museum. They discussed archeology and the early natives of North America. Looked at artifacts to piece together history, dug in a sand box and got to play detective to get an idea about what group was like. They also visited the seismology lab to learn about earthquakes and how they are measured, as well as other topics such as geology, rocks, ring of fire, and volcanoes.

### 7:20 TREASURER'S REPORT      Presented by Shannon S.

- Have collected \$6,000, need another \$7,400 for the year. Current savings is \$5,756 and current checking is \$13,088 balance.
- Surplus Funds Request: vMath - teachers have used the program last year, cost is \$30 per student goes away in July, total cost \$2,190, youngsters to start in Jan. Cris motioned and Jim seconded the motion, no objections.
- Bank Status: We are switching from Bank of America to BECU higher savings rate. Please cash any checks if you have any. Goal is to be switched by the end of the year.

### 7:30 ENRICHMENT      Presented by Susan R.

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- **Friday Specials** went well. Construction worked in small groups, was able to look out the win reps a foundations. Dance issue is taken care of.
- **Winter Event Art Show:** Need a cochair and more support workers.
- **Activities:** Possible play, bridge displays, photography, individual music acts, (required to perform for Cris first) and art work.
- **Dates:** Friday specials 1/27, 2/10,2/24, 3/2 and 3/9 with Winter event on MAR 9

#### 7:40 COMMUNITY OUTREACH Presented by Susan V/Setty

- **UNICEF** trick or treat boxes: take is you want ask people for coins, coin star or website
- **Soles for Souls** shoe drive 10/12-10/28 collection boxes in DCS and Sandburg offices envelope in Janet office and box. One more week.
  - Any type of shoes (kids, adults, any shape or style)
  - Will be requesting \$1/pair to help defray shipping costs
- **Hopelink** turkey trot considering send an email out on details.
- **November Basket** - KIP housing transition, sponsor family. November meeting turn basket in by Nov 20th.
- **Women's Luncheon** - Need a person to head up women's luncheon. Men can help cook but can't come to center. Meal planning.
- **Herbicide Free Weed Meet** - Sunday Oct 30 spread chips, coin drive is on going.

#### 7:55 PTSA LIAISON Presented by Cindy

- **PTSA General Meeting on 10/27** all welcome to attend. \
- **Dance Marathon** fell short of meeting the goal by \$5k. \$2,000 has since been collected. At the general meeting we will be discussing the budget and next steps. Thanks to all who contributed!
- Open enrollment has begun for **Before and After School Activities**. These after school activities are coordinated by the PTSA. It is nice we can offer such a variety of programs for the students.
- **Volunteers Needed** - There are still a few PTSA projects that need leaders, these dual school projects cannot succeed with help. The PTSA website or the Informer has more information.
- Please send any DCS calendar items that the PTSA should be aware of the Theresa Harrington at tk.harrington@frontier.com

#### 8:00 NEW BUSINESS/Q&A

- **Shannon B.** - Each Wed. morning, Shannon will be taking two kids to stand by the flag pole to take pictures. A snap shot of the construction project each week.
- **Memory pages** are done in smug mug, send pictures or CD to Tom.

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- **Susan** - Gave a short summary on the girl's middles social drama, BFF clicks have formed. To help the kids learn steps to respect, Sue (school counselor) offered to set up friendship groups and work with the kids. She also has offered an educational session to the parents. Parents showed interest so we will work with her to set up a time. Thank you Sunny for organizing the girls book club to help with these skills as well.
- **Community Building:**
- Easy ways to earn money for our school.
  - **Escript** - Safeway card assign card, email Frani your name and card number she will set up
  - **Bartell's** is also running a program.
- **Box Tops:** Earn money by visiting Ford's site and watching videos.
- **Parents Night Out** at the Amy and David's home on Nov 18 @ 7pm, please bring a snack or treat.

### 8:10 ADJOURN

No Reports this month:

- Communications
- Finance
- Volunteer Coordinator