

# DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Steering Meeting Agenda

24 August 2011

Location: Amy Drackert's House

Attendees: Laura, Tom, Carol, Janet, Shannon B, Pete, Amy, Peggy, Setty, Shannon S, Susan V, Nikki, Julie, James, Christi

6:43 **WELCOME** *presented by Amy*

Introductions as we had some new people

6:49 **TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Pete*

Only the principal has spent any money.

Need to get all four parties together to change the signing ability of checks

The check for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to **potentially** do outdoor ed has been cut and hold the spot (remember this is not DCS's ability to say they kids are doing it, we have merely held the spot if they can go). This was part of the doubling of the Outdoor ed budget to cover this.

Financials were disclosed along with upcoming dates of significance

-- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *presented by Mark*

*via email after the meeting – The back area is being paved today (24 Aug), so it will be ready for the Root Beer Social.*

6:55 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by Carol*

No window in the Olders/Middler's room currently, but it will be rectified with one about half the size of the old one. The lights have been replaced and it is shiny

The exit to the playground is closed, and will need to use the other door.

Construction Worker have been very nice and very conscientious.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:00 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** *presented by Amy/Laura*

There are still some vacancies on the Org Chart – see most recent Org Chart from Kim to see openings. Shannon will talk to new parents on Sunday to see if any positions can be filled.

7:03 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** *presented by Susan V/Setty*

Hopelink school supply drive is only active activity. First collection will be at Root Beer social.

Many of the items seen last year will be back this year – they worked before so why change them.

7:04 **NEW BUSINESS/Q&A**

Budget request *presented by Tom*

- Tom reviewed many different options and SmugMug seems to have the best features. He has a spreadsheet with all features if anyone is interested
- \$60/year or \$150/year for unlimited online photo storage on SmugMug
  - proposing \$60/year membership
  - for \$150/year can have two users (admin and non-admin) which would allow folks to not worry about deleting accidentally. Will look at this option based on how this year

goes.

- This could come out of the Community Building budget due Memory pages being in that bucket. Based on whether this all works fine or if we want to increase it, we can make this a line item next year.
- Agreed among the Steering Committee to do this and to pull the money from the Community Building

#### Kickoff meeting & Root beer Social *presented by Laura*

- Discussion of last few year's events and how it went with forms/discussion
- Will try a new format
  - hand out packets after announcements
  - introduce folks via classes their kids are in (ok if folks stand up twice)
  - have veterans sit with new families to help with the forms
- might not have the outside area for ice cream due to construction
- discussion on how to make filling out forms easier
- For next year, think about making these forms electronic (even if they need to be printed out by the parents and turned in)
- Asked Janet and Linda to figure out a location for the root beer spot
- Agenda should include a construction update, but since there is a September Community meeting there does not have to be many work items on it.
- Social: Linda McAllister leading; helped by Julie Hoyt and Julia Zhu

#### Note on dates

13 September – Younger's Curriculum Night

14 September – Middler's Curriculum Night

15 September – Older's Curriculum Night

#### Ball Chairs

Risk Management of the School District has denied the use of these in Middles and Youngers

#### Enrollment Policy *presented by Shannon*

The policy states that DCS is 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but we need to get some notice on the document to alert folks that there will be a change due to Lake Washington Realignment. Suggested that we pull the document and have the link point to a note that says information will be posted once the school district has set the policy.

#### Parent's Night Out

Folks stepped up to host

#### Tradition of Gift for the school *presented by Christi*

Idea that graduating class give a gift to Carl Sandburg; something that leaves a positive eternal reminder of DCS giving to the whole school. Thought about doing this out of donations or from surplus. Volunteered Christi as a chair for this, and working with Peggy on this.

Also thought of inviting all of Carl Sandburg graduating kids to help with this.

Continued a discussion of how to help integrate DCS with Carl Sandburg in regards to getting the kids to do things together. Will look to continue this line of discussion next meeting.

8:00 **ADJOURN**

**No Reports this month:**

Community Building .....Nadine/Peggy  
Enrichment .....James/open co-chair  
Finance .....open position  
Communications.....Hannah/open co-chair  
PTSA Liaison .....Jill  
Teachers .....Diane