

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2011

Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

6:30 **WELCOME** *presented by Amy*

6:35 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by Diane*

Due to the snow days, the teachers (save Diane who is here) are putting in their grades tonight. The new building is moving forward, and there are pictures of November's progress. The

Youngers have been talking about subjects with construction providing a back drop (like tape measure and welding, communication and working together like the workers, and the next unit on balance and motion using the construction as an example)

Tomorrow the Younger's have a Field Trip, so make sure that booster seats are brought in. This does bring up that there *may* be less field trips when Kindergarten joins the Youngers.

Couple quick announcements...

Congratulations to Drew Zins (Janet's son who just graduated college)

Thanks to all the chaperones who helped the Youngers get to the learning journey at Burke Museum.

Second Information night on 24 January was held as DCS is the only community school with kindergarten and there needed to be more notice out to the public as per the school district.

The first information night was a huge turnout of around 100 chairs filled with interested parties. Averaging 8 – 10 observations a day from this turn out – about 50 families ended up wanting to follow through this stage.

6:50 **TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Shannon S*

Budget handed out reflecting current balances (we are waiting on about \$4000 in contributions). We have one overage (Fall Event - \$360), due to budget showing some income (which doesn't actually exist), there was a thought that there was more money to use than actually existed. Bank of America checking account needs to be closed, but cannot due to one outstanding check and eScript money is directed to come to that account. It needs to be changed. For those who wonder what eScript is see <http://www.escrip.com/>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6:55 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** *presented by Susan V/Setty/Cory*

Pitch for using Constant Contact as it is easy to use for getting out messages – see www.ConstantContact.com for more information on this.

Food Lifeline Event: 28 Jan – reminder of who is scheduled for which shift this weekend. This was a well received date, so will look to do this same weekend next year.

March Focus: Helping the homeless. Will keep looking for a shelter on the Eastside. Sack lunch will be done as well as help a women's center.

Another suggestion is Tent City, which is now at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church at 100th and 124th. Susan V will send out an email on the needs of Tent City if you are interested. A discussion about the camp and involving the kids in discovering about this.

10 March: Annual Lunch for the Mary Magdeline Home

(<http://churchofmarymagdalene.org/>) was discussed in regard to what activities

will be done by DCS as well as ideas on how to help out here.

On going: Coin drive for Room to Read - <http://www.roomtoread.org/>

7:10 COMMUNITY BUILDING *presented by Frani*

Spring Swim: 3 March 3:15 – 4:15. This is a free swim for everyone at Montlake Terrace - <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/indoorPool.htm>.

Staff Appreciation: next week

3 Feb: DCS will do a conference week “lunch”. Theme is International Appetizers; look for an email from Jill C-F

Community Meeting Snack sign-up

7:15 ENRICHMENT *presented by James W/Cris*

27 January: Winter Specials starting

Looking ahead to Winter Event (9 March with Hors d’oeuvre at 6 pm and performances starting at 7 pm) there are needs for additional help. See at the bottom of the notes for a complete listing and descriptions

- Co-chair: *still needed*
- Constant Contact: Cori G
- Catering lead: Frani
- Stage Management: *still needed*
- Artist Biographies: covered by a variety of people
- Invitation/Program Publisher: Christine U

Cris swears this is her last Winter Event, so the co-chair would be great to have to insure a smooth transition for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

7:25 NEW BUSINESS/Q&A *presented by Amy*

Shannon B – need to finish taking pictures of the rest of the kids in the class (done on Wednesday morning at the flag pole). There are mails going out to about 7 families a week asking who wants their pictures that week, from which looking for 2 families each week. If you get this mail, please be quick to respond.

Diane – we lost a child in the Youngers due to the amount of travel the family was doing to bring the child to school each day. They found a private school near them that had an opening, and they took that opening

Cris – discussed an addition person who might be available for future enrichments. Mindy Hardwick is her name; you can find information about her at <http://www.mindyhardwick.com>

Frani – thanks to community for all that they have done to help out her fundraising for [Mitochondrial Myopathy](#) research. From her last sales \$3500 was donated.

Sunnie – Another Friday Special idea might be around debates as it is a topical situation with the Republican debates and the debates we will see in the Fall.

7:38 ADJOURN

No Reports this month:

Communication Hannah
 Finance Open Position
 PTSA Peggy/Frani

*Positions marked
** MUST be
filled TONIGHT
or ASAP...or
we will need
to scale back
the event.*

Volunteer Coordinator Kim

Winter Event Chair -- Cris Pederson (crispederson@comcast.net)

****Winter Event Co-chair --** Volunteer:

****Constant Contact --** Volunteer:
Complete data base for use for Winter Event - Needed by January 27th
Programs for event: deadline Monday March 5th

Art/Performance Team Leader: **Sunnie Yun**

Verify artwork to comply with space limitations, appropriate content. Verify performances (dance, instruments, readings, etc.) meet with time limitation of 2 minutes (can be done by verbal confirmation from parents). Verify that skits, readings, etc, are finalized in advance for scheduling and brochure printing. Track student participation; verify those who do not wish to participate. A team member liaison with set up crew will be necessary for art display coordination.

Team Members (2):

****Catering** **Team Leader:

At least two team members must be at the March 9th Friday Special to support the non-performing students in preparing two hors d'oeuvres during school hours. Do final food preparations at home if necessary (i.e., baking or slicing). Have food at event by 6:00 p.m. Solicit additional food from community members, including beverages. Set up tables at Finn Hill, manage the food and helpers during event, work with clean up crew.

Team Members (3):

Stage Management Team Leader:

The Stage Manager *must* be available during the March 9th Friday special for rehearsal. Responsible for set-up and clean-up of stage, including PA system. Monitor all backstage activities, coordinate performers as they take turns. Should a final dress rehearsal be needed at Finn hill, arrange that this is completed before 5:30 p.m. Support a Student MC should a child wish to take on this role. (Note: ideal candidate is available 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. day of event, and will be busy!)

Event MC:

Set-up/Clean-up Crews Team Leader: **Cris Pederson**

Set-up crew will arrive at 3:45p, start set up of stage and display boards, food tables, seating, etc. Other teams (ie, catering, stage management) will finish their own set up. Food will be provided for the set-up crew at 4:00 p.m. Clean-up after event requires that all chairs, tables, display boards, etc., to be returned to their original setting. Students will take their art home with them at the end of the evening. At least one member of the crew should be on both Set-up and Clean-up so everything gets put back correctly.

Team Members Set Up Crew (10): **Hannah G.**,

Team Members, Clean-up (10):

Green Team coordinator: **Susan V.**

Artist Biographies

Several people are needed to collect photos and bios of each student (by Feb 24) and get them to Christi.

Youngers Photos:

Youngers Bios:

Middles Photos:

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Olders Photos:

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Christi D. will prepare the bios and photos, and mount them on display boards. She will also create name labels for art (by March 8th).

Invitation/Programs Publisher Volunteer:

Create and print invitations for the event. Create and print a program for the evening's activities.

Photographer Volunteer:

Official Photographer - photograph event from start to finish.

Public Outreach Volunteer:

Write articles for local newspapers: Kirkland Reporter, Kirkland Patch