

Discovery Community School  
**Community Meeting Agenda**

April 24, 2013 – 6:30p

Location: The Commons

6:30p	WELCOME	Amy	5 minutes
6:35p	PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Heather	10 minutes

Congratulations to the Earth's Helpers! They have been nominated and selected to receive a King County Earth Hero at School award, to be awarded on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

DCS is the recipient of the 2012 WA Achievement Award in Science.

MSP testing is coming up this month. All teachers will be prepared to be proctors for MSP so kids are well supported. Volunteers are appreciated that week to monitor bathrooms and doorways to help maintain a secure and uninterrupted testing environment.

MSP thoughts: this is one measure of what students know at a particular point in time. Also helps us understand how we're doing. For example, this year we worked quite a bit on writing based on previous test results. Should not be a stressful event for kids.

6:45p	TEACHER'S REPORT	Diane	30 minutes
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Mrs. Jewell shared some student PowerPoint examples.

Mrs. Guest demonstrated the Haiku resource that the kids are using in class. She can start a discussion board, either privately with individual students or with a group of students, and kids can communicate with her. Assignments can be posted, completed, and reposted. Each student has their own home page. This web format is similar to that used in middle school. The class has also started journaling most mornings using Haiku.

Mrs. Fletcher shared a glider activity. The formal investigation started with the question of which material would allow the funglider to stay in the air the longest. All variables were controlled except the paper. Compared the strict formal investigation with a solution format design. How can we make a funglider that is safe, strong and secure and stays in the air the longest? Students had to make several detailed designs, have the design approved, and then build and test (toss over 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony), redesign, retest, etc. It was a good science lesson, and a good example of how to teach across multiple grade levels.

7:05p	TREASURER'S REPORT	Andrew/Jeff	5 minutes
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2012 taxable income report delayed; can contact Andrew/Jeff if questions.

No detailed report this month. Link to financial pages:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar5AIFGgWfJfDHB5bDVvaG5kQktHTzh3NjNqU0pOTVE>

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7:10p	COMMUNITY BUILDING	Lindsay	5 minutes
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- Appreciation Box

PNO coming in June, Picnic in July, Swim in August. More details coming.

7:15p	COMMUNITY OUTREACH	Setty/SusanV	5 minutes
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- Coins! Kaboom (through May)
- End Summer Hunger (June)

- Sparrow club will be doing a coin drive to raise money for a service dog soon.
- Weed Meet on Sunday, June 2, 11a-1p
- New C/O co-chair is needed as Setty is leaving

7:15p PTSA LIAISON Setty 5 minutes

- Thursday Morning Kodu class available
- Sandburg-DCS alumni scholarship applications available online – due May 10
- Sandburg/DCS play needs someone to shadow the parents putting on the play, as new leaders will be needed next year
- New PTSA Liaison is needed for next year

7:20p STAFF APPRECIATION Sunni 5 minutes

- May 6-10: volunteers needed. How to participate:
  - Encourage kids to participate in May Day Monday and or Thank You Note Thursday (no sign ups needed)
    - May Day Monday – have kids bring one flower each for DCS staff and other staff. Vases will be provided to collect the flowers for the DCS staff members
    - Thank you note Thursday – write or draw a heart-felt note of thanks to staff who serve DCS kids.
  - Commit to helping with “Smoothie Tuesday”, “Grant a Wish Wednesday” and/or the Annual All-Staff Breakfast hosted by DCS on Friday
    - Smoothie Tuesday – collect smoothie order forms, fill the orders at the local Jamba Juice and deliver to school
    - Grant a Wish Wednesday – Adopt a staff member or member group and treat them to one of their favorite treats or an item off their classroom wish list (See Sunni). Thanking all staff who serve DCS (16).
    - All-Staff Breakfast on Friday 5/10 – steel cut oats with sides and toppings for 50 staff members. Need lots of volunteers to provide buffet items.

7:30p COMMUNICATIONS Tom C-F 5 minutes

- Introduction of new Communications team: Scott, John, Anton
- Plans for next year
- Photos – upload them soon as the yearbook is being created. See Tom if you have any questions about uploading

### **OLD BUSINESS**

7:35p DCS Elections: Intros & Ballots Stephanie 15 minutes

7:45p Spring Camp Jill 5 minutes

Get registrations in – currently have approx. 70 people registered. If paying by check, get money in by 4/30. If arriving late on Friday evening, lights out is 10:00 – bring flashlights. Feel free to plan informal skits. There’s always been a moms’ skit and a dads’ skit. Each class also usually does a skit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

7:50p Election Results Announced Stephanie 5 minutes

First Chair (President): Cris Pederson  
Second Chair (Vice President): Rachel Turpin  
First Treasurer: Andrew Sutton  
Second Treasurer: Jeff Bowden  
First Secretary: Ingrid Salmon  
Second Secretary: Amy Drackert

7:55p      Bylaw Review and Adoption      Lloyd      20 minutes

Goal: draft bylaws that are in compliance with the legal requirements, but do not materially change the way we do business. Discussion of naming conventions of officers, to be in compliance with the legal requirements as well as remain true to the cooperative, consensus-driven culture of DCS. Name changes, but the positions are the same. Not a hierarchical system.

The proposed changes will be integrated into the by-laws, and will be voted on at the May meeting.

8:25p      Anything else?      Amy      5 minutes

Fill out survey to give feedback on schools. Should have received email from LWSD Connections. Also can find survey link on LWSD website.

8:25p      **ADJOURN**

No Reports this month:

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS  
NEW FAMILIES  
FUNDRAISING  
ENRICHMENT

Shelley/ShannonS  
Kari S  
James/Allison  
SusanW/SusanR