Discovery Community School Community Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2013 – 6:30p Location: The Commons

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

Snow today! Math standard = staircase of learning. The teachers are learning the new state standards. Shift focus to more informational text. Giving focused and many opportunities to build informational texts. New standards for next year.

See <u>www.corestandards.org</u>. CCSS – common core standards. Driven by state standards. LWSD already has power standards and proficiency standards.

MSP testing window April 29 - May 20^{th} . Our school tries to avoid Mondays and Friday for testing days.

For teachers to check rigor and engagement they look at: eyes of student; is the 'brain on fire', teaching to monitor their own learning. How do you know work is rigorous and challenging? One check is if the student is using information presented in class and applying it to something new.

6:45p TEACHER'S REPORT Diane

Slides presented. Group singing/movie in the commons. 'Star of the Week' in Youngers.

Youngers: Math concepts including number sentences.

Science: prediction, solids & liquids

4th graders & Youngers – paired reading time

Student Council Representative - Brady Guzik presents information to the Youngers about council information

Continent carpet is a big success.

6:55p

Carol Fletcher: see website to see Haiku program for pictures and Smilebox for class pictures.

Science of Sounds: volume, pitch, volume. Visitors - played instruments, Sound Bridge from Seattle Symphony.

Final project: create new instrument; figure out way to change the pitch. Showed instruments.

7:05 – Julie Guest – showed IslandWood pictures. Much environmental and teamwork learning. Teachers were amazing. Awesome chaperones. 'Worth the money'.

Science – variables (controlled, changed, measured). Science Expo: all required to do field study.

Reading: focus on non-fiction (80% of adult reading)

Writing: summaries of non-fictional passages, explain historical perspectives; adding a persuasive writing

7:15p TREASURER'S REPORT Andrew/Jeff

Current status: we are \$700 'in the black' on line items, including IslandWood Budget discussion takes place under New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:16p ENRICHMENT

SusanW

Spring Friday special: cooking, sewing, street hockey, knots&ropes, Mad Science. March 28-April 26. Can use more volunteers. Need co-chair for Friday Special.

7:19p COMMUNITY OUTREACH Amy (for Setty/SusanV)

- Juanita Woodlands event: Sparrow Club hours
- Annual Coin Drive to benefit KaBOOM, www.kaboom.org
- Thank you note from Mary Magdalene for women's luncheon received.

7:20p PTSA LIASON Amy (for Setty)

- Spring enrichment enrollment is open; online registration and payment option. Fewer forms, and no printing or kid mail required.
- Lake Washington Schools Foundation annual luncheon fundraiser: Wed May 1, 2013, 11:30-1pm. We have received grants from LWSF in the past, and have a current pending grant request. If interested in joining the DCS/Sandburg table, please contact Setty, <a href="mailto:tstps//tstps/
- 7:35p COMMUNITY BUILDING Lindsay 5 minutes
 - Appreciation Box set in Janet's office next month. Can acknowledge people; for adults to appreciate each other. Notes to be read aloud at next community meeting.

7:25p FUNDRAISING James

- Current status we have met our fundraising goal for this year.
- ½ of money brought in from auction. Winter Event brought in 72% of fundraising income for this budget year. Passive fundraisers are on-going. Grants: we won't know outcome for a while.
- Plans for next year: we want to have passive fundraising set up guide in first of year packet. Islandwood requires kids involved in active fundraising, consider pie sale possibility again.
- James seeking someone to study role of fundraising chair for best handoff of knowledge.

OLD BUSINESS

7:35p Winter Event

Yvonne/Hannah

- Wrap up and thank you's
- Call for a new Chair for next year

Feedback: no fee, snack/dessert/coffee; shorter skits, not providing play as part of Winter Event

Please provide more feedback to Yvonne/Hannah. Amy asked them to set up post production meeting.

Thank you cards available for outside companies that donated to auction.

7:43p Spring Camp

Jill

Fees must support cost of going to camp: facility, food, supplies, etc. To have entire facility we must have 78 'heads in bed'. Normally have 60 folks on 2nd night (that is a cost).

Theme: Americana; Country Fair

NEW BUSINESS

8:00p Budget discussion and adoption Jeff

Not too different from last year. Budget presented. Family contribution for IslandWood moving to Tier system of payment, self-selected by families. For 2013/14 striving for \$8000 in budget at end of year.

Corporate matching dollars goes toward fundraising. Motion to pass: Pruitt, passed unanimously 2013/14 budget.

8:15p DCS Elections

Stephanie

In by-laws: chair/co-chair. Accepting nominations. Can nominate self or partner. Steering committee 1st Thursday of month. Positions typically last two years as co-leads. Drew?, Cris accepted so far.

8:20p Reminders!

Amv

April Steering will address bylaw updates (revisions underway by Lloyd)

8:25p Anything else?

Amy

8:25p **ADJOURN**

No Reports this month:

COMMUNICATIONS Tom C-F

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS Shelley/Shannon S

NEW FAMILIES Kari S