

Discovery Community School  
**Steering Meeting Agenda**  
November 14, 2012 – 6:30p  
Location: The Commons

6:30p	WELCOME	Amy	5 minutes
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Welcome. New format of chairs set up in semi-circle.

6:35p	PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Heather	10 minutes
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- Calendar is looking busy. Open House Grand Opening 11/27. School Board coming for a walk-through on 11/29. Cafeteria floor is almost finished. First assembly on 11/16 to talk about Sparrow Club.
- Last week teachers all met with Juanita Learning Community to talk about common core standards, focusing on math, just to become familiar with requirements. Seeing how we can make extensions now to reach these requirements. Will next meet to discuss measurements (currently in draft form). Teachers are a part of developing these proficiency scales.
- Lots of coats in lost & found. Stop in and look if you have any missing items.
- Re: construction progress, we have blacktop now. Meeting with student council for input onto how space could/should be used (regarding safety). Now have playground equipment out there. Will talk to student council about playground equipment (whether kids can bring equipment from home). Involving student council while making decisions about the play areas.
- Use of natural playground depends on amount of supervision and line of site for supervisors. Currently open at long recess. Once full play area is open, may be open only for special classroom activities.
- Q: Where are emergency supplies stored? In dedicated emergency supply room, but emergency container is also on the grounds again, immediately outside the building.

6:45p	TEACHER'S REPORT	Diane	20 minutes
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Youngers – Diane Jewell

- Thanks to parents for classroom support. At least 15 regular parent volunteers in the class each week. Also prompt responses to impromptu requests.
- Kids are enjoying the progress on the construction and the construction equipment, incorporating vocabulary into their learning.
- DCS alumni volunteers are coming in to help with netbooks.
- Juanita high school students came in to help assemble "Bonesy".
- Mrs. Chin, the school counselor, has come in to talk with the students about Kelso's Choice conflict management program. "When is it a big problem (physically dangerous, someone might get hurt, repetitive teasing) that needs adult help to resolve? When is it a small problem (that can be handled on their own)? How to solve small problems (apologize, walk away, ignore it, tell them to stop, make a deal, wait and cool off, go to another game, talk it out, share and take turns). School IA's are also trained in same Kelso program and vocabulary.

### Middles – Carol Fletcher

- Field trip to Jubilee Farms. Talked about organic farming, how the farm is run, hayride, stopped to visit the pigs, harvested some carrots. Kids had fun, and it was a great bonding experience for the class. Have also had two incursions.
- Science : earth materials. Worked with “mock rocks” How is a rock like a chocolate chip cookie? Looked at what was in the rock, and also what was left. Learned to use the geologist’s tools to do a scratch test. Looked at pink granite to see which minerals were found in it. High-level thinking process.
- Art class with Mrs. K. in the art lab. First lesson was how to draw.
- In-class learning journey, “Miss Jamie” from the Kids Quest museum. Igneous and sedimentary rocks demonstrated with pieces of clay and pressure.
- In-class learning journey with Stella B. Learned about and hunted for garnets in class.
- Social Studies: The Wampanoags and the First Thanksgiving. Students are building models to show how the people met their basic needs. The class is building a story in which the students are the characters, form families, have Wampanoag names, etc.

### Olders – Julie Guest

- Students are continuing to settle in and become familiar with routines.
- Art Docent Lisa J. came in to do a great lantern activity with the kids, which will be displayed at the winter event.
- Also have PTA-sponsored art teacher who is teaching the kids drawing and encouraging them.
- Social Studies: Focusing on the branches of government. Will be the focus of the learning celebration. Will do a role play and act through how a bill becomes a law. Supreme Court will argue a case. Have been using iCivics.org as a resource. Reading the book Frindle.
- At learning celebration, using pie exercise as a fundraiser for camp. Students will bake and bring pies, and families may purchase them.
- Field trip to Burke Museum, lunch on the busy election day campus, and the seismology lab. Great presentations; students were very engaged.
- In-class learning journey coming up on 11/28. Will have Kenworth truck cab at school and let the kids explore and relate to the physics being learned in class.

7:10 WOMEN’S LUNCHEON (Cori G, [cori.r.greenberg@boeing.com](mailto:cori.r.greenberg@boeing.com)) 5 minutes

- DCS has traditionally cooked and served a luncheon at Mary Magdalene women’s shelter in Seattle. This year it is on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cori will have a sign-up sheet available at the next community meeting. Cori has done a wonderful job of heading up this event for several years, but it’s her last year at the school. Need someone to get involved this year to be

**ACTION: Need volunteer to take over for next year.** Contact Cori to get involved this year and learn the ropes.

7:15p TREASURER’S REPORT Andrew/Jeff 5 minutes

Contributions are coming in. Checks have been going out. Detailed numbers are on website:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar5AIFGgWfJFdB5bDVvaG5kQktHTzh3NjNqU0pOTVE#gid=0>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7:15p            COMMUNITY OUTREACH                            Setty/SusanV                            10 minutes
- Women’s Luncheon will be Saturday, February 23rd (Cori)
  - Soles4Souls: with Sandburg, we collected over 450 pairs of shoes
  - Food LifeLine: Repacked 6800lbs of potatoes, close to 5000 meals
  - Helping the Homeless Month is February, many shelters close by March. Will be packing sack lunches the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.
  - HopeLink Soups `n Stews food drive going on now through Friday.
  - “Food Drive Friday”, 11/16: each student is asked to bring one can of food to school. Volunteers will be collecting at car and bus drop off. Joint DCS/Sandburg effort.
  - KITH (Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing) Thanksgiving basket donations are also due this Friday.
  - Turkey Trot is this Sunday. Thanks Christi D. for putting together the DCS team.
  - Annual Coin Drive to benefit KaBOOM, which helps provide playgrounds for kids throughout the country who do not have places to play. [www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org)
  - Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Halloween Candy Buy-Back. Dr. Neal's office collected over 1100lbs of candy from the community. There is a volunteering opportunity through Operation Spirit of Christmas to help pack the donated candy and other items for troops and their families on November 16th at 6pm at the group's warehouse in Totem Lake, near 124th. To volunteer please visit: <http://operationiraq.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>
- 7:20p            COMMUNITY BUILDING                            Christi /Lindsay                            5 minutes
- Fall event was well attended, and there were very creative golf creations. Special thanks to Jessica S. for coordinating. Around \$150 was raised for Olders Camp.
  - Parent’s Night Out, Saturday Dec 1, 6pm. This is a fabulous opportunity to connect with other parents, adult-only event. RSVP directly to Laura R. ([ccgreenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgreenberg@yahoo.com)).
- 7:25p            \*\*\*Community Mixer!!!\*\*\*                            Amy                            10 minutes
- 7:30p            FUNDRAISING                            James/Allison                            5 minutes
- Several things set up now. Links on DCS website (<http://www.lwsd.org/school/discovery/For-Parents/Pages/Fundraising.aspx>) . Try to buy things through these links and let us know how it’s working. PCC scrip cards have all been distributed. May do another order later in the year.
  - Grantwriting has been off to a slower start this year.
- ACTION: Need volunteers to be involved with grant writing. Email James for more info. [jweinrod@gmail.com](mailto:jweinrod@gmail.com)**
- ACTION: Passive fundraising options will be summarized in a pdf to be sent out by James.**

- 7:35p ENRICHMENT SusanR/SusanW 5 minutes
- Thank you for all the support for the fall Friday specials, especially thanks to the leaders. The kids had a great time. Change this year was the shorter session time (closer to 35-40 minutes, which was shorter than last year).
  - Will try to have 5 tracks instead of 4 for the Winter Friday Specials. Sunnie - skit, Paige - Aikido, Hannah/Jodi - recycled fashion, as-yet-unnamed volunteer - art

**ACTION: Need leader for 5<sup>th</sup> track - Art**

- 7:40 VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS Shelley/Shannon S.
- Volunteer opportunity – Sandburg Yearbook is looking for a liaison on the yearbook (contact Shannon if interested: [sjschill@frontier.net](mailto:sjschill@frontier.net))

## OLD BUSINESS

- 7:45p "Olders Camp" (name TBD) Amy/Cris 10 minutes

**ACTION: Need fundraising lead(s) for various fundraising events for this year (Fall Event, Winter Event, Pie Share, garage sale, etc.).** Thanks to all who have jumped in so far.

**ACTION: Need fundraising lead(s) for these events for next year.** Plan for it and get involved now.

- Counselor recruitment and policy work currently underway. As this is the first time for this particular event, teachers and chairs are working hard to work out and document details.
- Forms, planning info, volunteer requests will be coming out in December.
- Some camp information available on Islandwood website. Specific questions can be sent to Julie G. to pass on to Islandwood.
- Staffing: Since this is an extension of school, Heather is involved and considers herself responsible. This is a camp for students (not students & parents). Islandwood recommends 3 chaperones/class. Ideally, we would like high school alumni students to participate. Unfortunately, this year the camp coincides with midterms week for high school students, so many students are not available. For this year, the teachers will meet to discuss which parents might be a good fit for this particular group of Olders, and will invite 2 parents.
- In future years, first will look to former students to fill the chaperone role. Then will look for the parents who will best fit the particular group of students.
- These issues have been discussed at Steering, and in discussion with the staff. Bottom line: safety of students is the primary focus. Please come to the December Steering meeting to discuss. Also, can send any concerns to Amy to get an item brought up for discussion at Steering.

- 7:55p Inventory of DCS equipment Cris 5 minutes

**ACTION: Send a list of what you have in storage to Cris P.** We must have a list of what we have so we can allocate storage space at school.

## NEW BUSINESS

8:00p Winter Event Yvonne/Hannah 10 minutes

- Winter Event will be held March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM
- "Mission: Provide a nurturing environment for all of our children to further develop their confidence in creating visual and performing arts"
- Goal: An evening full of enjoyable and colorful performances.
- Performances
  - Due to time limitations, student performances will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Acts will be limited to 2 minutes, must be ready to be reviewed by 2/13. First entry will be accepted on 12/1.
  - Registration deadline: 2/13 (but register performances ASAP before slots are filled. All performance acts must be registered. Submission deadline will be strictly observed. Send form via kidmail to Yvonne B.
- Artwork Guidelines:
  - "Hanging" art work (flat photos, drawings, paintings) must be matted.
  - "3D" artwork (sculptures, etc.) must be boxed to prevent damage.
- Recycled Fashion. Either true recycled materials, or fabric. Will need helpers.

### **ACTION - Volunteer Positions:**

- Artwork Team: Collect and display artwork
- Stage Manager: Ensure quality of sound and lighting system; oversee all backstage activities; keep program running on time
- Decorator: A creative person who can create a festive atmosphere with low to no budget.
- Catering Team: Solicit community members to provide baked goods and dinner items; set up and manage sale of food on the event night.
- Fundraising: Organize a silent auction; make a video recording of the event to duplicate and sell as DVD's
- Setup and Cleanup crews
- Green Team
- Event photographer
- Public outreach

8:15p **ADJOURN**

No Reports this month:

COMMUNICATIONS  
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NEW FAMILIES

Tom C-F  
Setty  
Kari S