

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting
March 20, 2014

Location: Carl Sandburg Library

6:30 WELCOME

Cris

6:32 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Heather

LEAP day learning by teachers: differential writing; strategies to support teachers. Learning valuable for teachers.

6:37 TEACHER'S REPORT

Diane/ Carol/Cheryl

Cheryl G. showed pictures from Islandwood. Three groups: Team Marsh, Team Pond, Team Wave. Night hikes, artist in residence. Thank you notes provided to drivers & chaperones, and staff.

Carol F. spoke about plans for Friday 3/28 – planned night of fun, with safety in mind. Volunteer parents will staff table for check-in/checkout. Folks can give donation in support of outdoor education program. Beverages, food will be provided.

Middles – thank you for in-class volunteers; parents have been really responsible; have parent support.

6:49 COMMUNITY BUILDING

Lindsay C/Christi D

Lindsay and Christi read aloud appreciations from appreciation box.

Reminders provided on PNO- Crabbe Family; March 22, 6:30 to 8:30, this will be a pot luck.

Lindsay reported that the DCS Raffle results; Lindsay reported that the effort was successful and raised \$1530. Lindsay needs volunteers to help write thank you notes to businesses and donors.

Community planning Family Meal support when Baby Pruitt arrives. Mark K coordinating efforts for meal support.

Amy asked us to Save the Date May 16 – 18 for "SUPER HERO" SPRING CAMP. – A masked Super Hero arrived to hand out the flyer. Amy provided details: food allergies accommodated; schedule presented.

7:25 TREASURER

Rick reported on the budget including budget goals such as maintaining an appropriate amount in each budget item; and keeping 'tuition' at \$250. Budget assumes 71 students attend DCS, and provides a 5% hardship allowance.

Rick explained the proposed budget (see Approved Budget for 2014). Steering included one new item for 2014 which is expense for Quickbooks for tracking budget over history. This will help reconcile the budget history. Community had a discussion regarding the budget item for math program support; reached an understanding that budget will cover the future-selected math enrichment program.

Discussion regarding use of buses. Appears that we have been living within budget in terms of Learning Journeys and use of buses.

Rachel 'moved' approval of 2014-2015 Budget; Mary O 2nd the motion - all approved.

APPROVED – 2014 – 2015 BUDGET

Cris worked extensively on securing all company matching funds; Boeing matching is now successful; for Microsoft please use Janet Z as contact for matching funds. Cris has recently been able to secure ~\$2000 in matching funds that were outstanding. Thank you to Cris for her hard work and dedication to this effort!

7:20 ENRICHMENT

Susan W and Julie H provided many 'thank yous' for Winter Friday Specials!

Plan for upcoming Spring Friday Specials: Pam for drumming along with professional drummer named Victor who was one-time student of music teacher Mrs. Osborne; Japanese Culture; Rugby; Beginning computer programming.

Nicky has volunteered to be a enrichment co-coordinator for 2014-2015 with Julie H continuing. Thank you Nicky!

7:25 COMMUNICATIONS John K

Hotmail.com accounts are problematic. 15 folks still maintain Hotmail.com accounts. Microsoft wants folks to switch to Outlook.com John K will ask 'Hotmail.com' folks to switch to another internet provider. John K will stop providing extra support to Hotmail.com folks this Sunday, Mar 23.

7:29 APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY FOLLOW UP Cris

Groups discussed topics and provided input on organization chart.

- A) *Community members openly demonstrate commitment to the community.*
 - Volunteer positions –fill in the organization chart
 - Fundraising preferences – goals for future preferences (Rachel)
- B) *Our community demonstrates a sense of responsibility and service.*
 - Community outreach opportunities and preferences – let's look at some new ideas For next year. (Susan V)
- C) *Our community ensures all community members have the information they need to be successful and contribute to the fullest.*
 - Additional forms of communication i.e. Facebook (Tara)

8:22 Staff Appreciation Sunni

1st week of May; coordinates with PTSA; Intent to provide easy, convenient, affordable support for families – janitors, IA, teachers, staff. Appreciate everyone on campus who interacts with the kids. Intention to involve kids 'Thank you note Thursday'.

Items needed: glass vases, ideal is clear glass; gift cards.

Specific efforts are: Mayday Monday, Smoothie Tuesday, Wish Wednesday, Thank you Note Thursday, Food Friday.

8:31 ADJOURN