

Discovery Community School
Community Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2013 – 6:30p
Location: The Sandburg Library

Social time

6:15p – 6:30p

6: 30p **Welcome**

- Rosters were available at each table, grouped by the home school of the family. Parents were encouraged to get to know the people in their respective neighborhoods, as 65% of us drive our kids to school—find your neighbors so you have backup if you need it!
- Christi and Stephanie shared the kudos from the Appreciation Box. (Reminder to everyone to put kudos in the box for your fellow community members!)

6: 50p **Appreciative Inquiry – “Community Vision”** Cris/Rachel/Amy/Heather

- Cris introduced the group to a process called Appreciative Inquiry, which is “a healthy way for organizations to manage change.” Our group has gone through many changes in the past couple of years—new school, new teachers, new Principal, new grade alignment, new curriculum, etc.—and Steering decided that now was a good time to re-evaluate the vision and values of our community.
- The outcome of this process will eventually go on our website to help introduce new families to our community and align their expectation. Goal is to also tailor extracurricular activities to complement the vision.
- Dr. Elisa Chavez of Cambiar Leadership (cambiarleadership@yahoo.ca, 778-873-1821) will collate info and get it back to us for discussion and action at our November Community meeting.
- Appreciative Inquiry is a two-step process. This meeting, the group gathered information, which will be collated, “themed”, and distributed before the next meeting. The questions up for discussion were:
 - **Describe a community experience when you felt most alive, engaged, or fulfilled?**
Use the following questions to help clarify your thoughts: How did you feel? What happened that made you feel that way? How did people relate to each other? What were some of the things that made you feel that way?
 - **What is the best possible future we can imagine for our DCS community?**
- We had 85% participation in the process; 51 out of our 60 families were present and engaged. Many interesting conversations took place. Please come to the November meeting to work on the outcomes! If you were not able to attend and have input, please email it to Cris, crispedersen@comcast.net.

8:15p **ADJOURN**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Note that due to the special nature of the meeting, committee reports were not presented, but are included here. Please take a moment to read them!)

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Christi D/Lindsay C

Fall Event

Jessica S

Mini – Golf Event - Friday Nov 8, 6:30p, in the Sandburg Commons, flyers to come.

Parent's Night Out

Lisa J/Paul Q

Saturday October 26 2013 - Graciously hosted by Lisa J and Paul Q
Starting at 7 pm ... and ending around 11. Bring appetizers and beverages to share. Parents only please.

DCS Wear

Christine U

Samples of DCS Wear and sizes will be available at DCS next week.
Order forms will be coming home next week and will be sent via email.
Orders and payment are due Wednesday, November 6th payable to DCS.
Delivery is Friday, December 6.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Susan V/Pam H

NOW - used shoe drive (Redeeming Soles) is currently underway, through Oct 31. Bins located in Sandburg and DCS offices. Small donation appreciated to offset the cost to repair or recycle the shoes. Make checks payable to Redeeming Soles.

November - Watch for email signup to help fill Thanksgiving boxes for KITH

Nov/Dec – with Sandburg – Hopelink food/gift drives.

Dates to mark: *Sat, Jan 25:* Food Lifeline volunteer event and *Sat, Feb 8* Homeless Women's luncheon, more details to come.

Now is a good time to save your hotel-sized toiletries from upcoming holiday travels, to be used for donations to the homeless in March.

ENRICHMENT – Friday specials

Susan W/Julie H

We are still looking for more helpers for our Friday Specials classes: cooking, photography, Role Playing Games, and Disaster Hero. First session starts 2:30pm Oct 25th, and goes for three Fridays until Nov. 8th.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Shelley G

We are still looking for the following volunteers:

1. Youngers art docent- you do not have to have a child in the Youngers to take this role!
2. Summer Picnic Coordinator 2014
3. PTSA Liaison
4. Auction Chair

If anybody would like a copy of the most current org chart, please email Shelley G at surfdawave@comcast.net

No Reports this month:
TREASURERS REPORT
COMMUNICATION
FINANCE

Rick C/Jeff B
John K
James W