# Discovery Community School Steering Meeting

May 1, 2014 Location: Library

In attendance: Cris, Heather, Diane, Pam, John Brad, Vikram, Shelley, Susan W, Cariann, Janet, Christi, Lindsay

6:36p WELCOME Cris

6:36p PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Heather

Staff are 'running to finish'. With hot weather, teachers eating outside.

Can use natural playground due to easier access and less traffic along . Do have mister for cooling off for kids and teachers.

Sandburg PTA decided on \$5000 toward  $5^{th}$  grade experience for Sandburg kids. Discussion was 'how to make it sustainable'. This money will be for the entire community (11 DCS and ~100 Sandburg). Discussion on whether Islandwood could accommodate entire  $5^{th}$  grade DCS/Sandburg population and aligning dates for both communities.

## 6:53p TEACHER'S REPORT

Diane: celebrated May Day by making cards for the Middles and Olders. 6 weeks until end of year. 5 new kids, 6 siblings.

June 11 – All school picnic. Volunteers needed to help walk kids to park and organize games.

June 17 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration. Suggesting that parents send in pictures of their kids.

## 6:55p TREASURER'S REPORT

Cris – all families have paid their contributions. 5 hardship cases. One parent has expressed that there is not enough money in one classroom budget. Still waiting for all Winter event receipts, and some Friday Specials receipts.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7:01p COMMUNITY OUTREACH Pam

"Reading for Literacy" project underway the week of May 5 – teaching for learning to read, count, and literary support.

Susan V and Pam will present concept to each classroom, using age-appropriate discussion.

Starts May 5<sup>th</sup>.

End-Summer-Hunger coin drive (in collaboration w/ Sandburg) starts the week of May 5

Discussion on whether we are reaching people with our mission and information relative to community outreach.

Communications team is working on getting a centralized location for putting out information; they have sufficient money in their budget for pursuing this option.

#### 7:18 COMMUNITY BUILDING

Christi – has sent out email to announce PNO Jun 14, 7-10, the Vosslers are hosting. Two are responding.

Departing Families acknowledgement will be a Powerpoint presentation – needs volunteer for organizing pictures.

Cards for departing families - in Janet's office.

Christi went to PTSA meeting at Sandburg recently. Newly elected President Traci W. suggested that she had interest in coming to DCS Community meeting. Cris says according to bylaws, our community meetings are closed meetings. Discussion regarding benefits or concerns in allowing PTSA officer to attend our Community meetings.

Decision to allow PTSA officer to attend Community meeting. Decided that PTSA officer could come to one meeting. Suggestion to create PTSA liaison from Sandburg to DCS.

Volunteerism: most donate up to 100 hours.

7:48p NEW BUSINESS Cris

Diane is requesting a set of Wil Books which are very popular with kindergarteners. Requested \$250 for purchasing of these books. All approved.

Request \$320 (yearly fee already put into budget for March 2015) to launch Quickbooks and folders by June 30, 2014. All approved.

7:50p ADJOURN

No Reports this month:
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