

Discovery Community School
Community Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014

6:30 Welcome Rachel

6:31 Principal's Report Heather

- Students learning how to work and play together
 - Hardest thing for kids is teams—lots of negotiating for how to get on a team
 - Students rate themselves, builds teams based on ratings
 - This is a way to make things even
 - If there are issues, encourage students to meet with principal
- Halloween
 - No gore, no weapons, no masks when walking through building
- District boundary changes coming soon—for schools
 - District has already received input from families regarding boundaries
 - Goal not to interrupt feeder patterns
 - Goal is to know new boundaries by Feb.
 - Check district website for more information

6:40 Teacher's Report

- Diane/Youngers
 - Parents helping things run smoothly. Thank you
 - Dr. Maze's farm learning journey: review of plant parts, compost exploration, new maze (no lost kids!), worm study
 - Next learning journey: 11/20 Museum of Flight
 - Science focus: air and weather
 - Thank you to science docents (Crystal, Peter and Vy)—help record information
 - Thank you to parents for attending conferences
- Carol/Middles
 - Jubilee Farm Learning Journey on 9/17 in Carnation
 - Showed pictures from trip
 - Students got to taste watermelon, hay ride
 - Next learning journey to Fort Nisqually on 11/6 --living history museum
 - Ties into study of Native Americans
 - Upcoming Learning Journeys
 - 1/16—Friendel Play
 - Soundbridge
 - International District--
 - Beach Walk in Edmonds—early June

- Discovery Time—building community with Youngers, Middles and Olders
 - On Fridays students don't have Friday Specials
 - Students rotate to different teachers each week
- Thank you parents for coming to conferences
- Cheryl/Olders
 - Kids had fun with Dance Marathon—kids won ice cream party for earning money
 - Learning Journey—Challenges Northwest
 - Had a great time
 - Students put into groups where they had to solve problems without parent/teacher help
 - Students allowed to fail and learned how to do better next time
 - Great confidence booster, positive experience
 - Halloween party coming up—2:30 to 3:30
 - Parent volunteers to show up around 2:15
 - 11/4—Museum of Flight
 - 11/6—Picture day
 - December: In-school field trip—Robot Garage

7:00 Communications John

- DCS website overview
 - Go to school website and click link
 - <http://dcs.ourschoolpages.com/Home>
 - Can see what volunteer opportunities are available
 - Can pay dues with credit card or check—fees involved with credit card
 - Quarterly payment is not automatic
 - Under Programs—information on Enrichment, Friday Specials, Fundraising, Supplies
 - Also see Calendar for important dates—info on how to link to your phone
 - For calendar items send information to calendar@dcscg.org
 - DCS directory—search for contact information
 - Full roster available and other key instructions. Go to “About us” in restricted docs
 - You can also find here job descriptions, babysitter list, email aliases, attendance procedures, other instructions, etc.
 - Printed roster will be available at the next meeting
 - My Account—to change personal info, change volunteering options but it does not contact chair person. If you change volunteering, you need to also contact volunteering chair
 - Email aliases—list of Teacher and Parent Leader positions and emails
 - Recording volunteer hours
 - Go to Volunteer, Record Your Hours

- Takes you to a separate website
- Different login—login id: **volunteer**, password: **discovery**
- Dates can be loose, not exact
- Can click multiple Categories—if you do more than one in a week, for instance
 - Announcements—contact John or Vikram

7:42 Facebook Discussion

- Tara is interested in creating a Facebook page
- Some discussion over whether we would want a separate page or share Sandburg's
- Community voted to approve a DCS Facebook page—steering will work with Tara to review policies
- Community voted to approve Tara receiving volunteer hours for this

7:52 Enrichment Nicky/Julie

- First Friday Special went well
- Thank you to each of the heads!
- Next class coming up next Friday
- We need volunteers, please sign up
- Also, please show up early to watch kids participate
- Working on Winter Friday Special schedule
- If you are interested in heading a class, please contact Nicky or Julie
 - Can be small or big
 - Sewing, knitting or clay would be great for Winter Event showcases
- Winter Friday Specials so far: Hip Hop, possibly photography

7:58 Community Building Cariann/Lindsay

- PNO 11/8—Salmon Odderson home, 7-10, rsvp to Cariann
- Mom's night out went well
- Fall Event—Carnival—Sunday 10/26 from 3-5
 - 11 booths so far—different activities: origami, football ring toss, temp tattoos, jewel piercing, jar guessing, etc.
 - Could use more booths—contact Naomi Letterman
 - Hot and cold beverages
 - Prizes
 - Olders will do bake sale again
 - Evite coming—watch your email

8:10 Fundraising Cariann/Lindsay

- Box tops due by 10/24
- Make sure they aren't expired
- Boomerang used clothes—bring in your clothes

8:13 Community Outreach Pam

- Shoe drive went great—filled a giant SUV full of bags
- Thank you to Renee. She went around to her neighbors and gathered shoes
- November: Collection of non perishable foods for KITH—Kirkland Interfaith Transitions and Housing
 - Goal to complete 4 boxes
 - Each classroom will decorate box and bring in canned goods
 - 4th box a bonus box for extra food
 - Dates TBA

8:18 Treasurer Matt

- about 36,000 in account
- majority of pledges are in
- Can send check or cash to office or credit card on DCS website
- if you have donated, you will receive a receipt soon

8:19 New Business/Announcement Rachel

- 11/1—Cris Pederson Halloween Party, drop in
- Nicky—emergency prep
 - Container behind school for emergency supplies: water, tarps, sanitary materials, things already clearly labeled
 - Emergency prep team—need new coordinator
 - Coordinate with Sandburg Safety Committee
 - Observe Scheduled drills
 - Attend LWSD Emergency Prep Meeting—Meet every two months, from 9-11 in the morning
 - Check supplies and replace expired items
 - Check and update teacher backpacks
 - If interested contact Nicky
 - Students had earthquake drill today—everything went smoothly

8:30 Adjourn