

Discovery Community School
Root Beer Social Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2014
Sandburg/DCS Commons

WELCOME Rachel

Welcome back, everyone!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Heather

Principal Frazier welcomed students and families, introduced the DCS staff. Students were dismissed to their classes with their respective teachers.

PTSA PRESENTATION Meg, Bobby, Tracy

PTSA leadership provided a brief description of their roles, and the enrichment and advocacy they provide for our students. They also work on issues at the national level to support learning initiatives. They organize such things as the fun run, dance marathon, and school play; they work on the Informer (weekly school newsletter, make sure you are on the email list!); they keep the school website updated with upcoming events; and they have a Facebook page, which parents are encouraged to join. Please consider filling out your PTSA forms and joining, our membership numbers are incredibly helpful at the national level. Please also consider volunteering!

BUSINESS Rachel

New families that were present were asked to stand and were introduced.

Steering members that were present were asked to stand and were introduced.

Packets were made available at the end of the night for families to pick up. Please fill out as soon as possible. Also, please go online to update your emergency contact info; this is new this year, Sandburg/DCS is part of a pilot program for LWSD.

Susan presented her idea for an Activity Resource Guide—a collection of clubs, sports, hobbies, and other extra-curricular activities that our families are involved in. Please submit your activities for Susan to include. The guide will be available online for families to refer to when they researching new activities for their kids.

TREASURER'S REPORT Cris

Cris provided a brief explanation of our new online accounting system through Quicken. The monthly subscription service was approved at Steering last spring, and after some initial setup difficulties is up and running, and will be able to provide more streamlined reporting to Steering, Community, and individual families.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING Lindsay/Larissa

Lindsay and Larissa provided a breakdown of the fundraising activities that we will be pursuing this year, broken down into three categories:

- *Standard*: this includes our annual contributions, and any corporate matching.

- *Minimal Impact*: these activities require some participation by the community, such as Boomerang Kids Consignment, Box Tops, and printer cartridge and cell phone recycling.
- *Passive*: These activities require sign up only, and then generally run in the background, and include Fred Meyer, Amazon, iGive.com, and Safeway.

Please see the DCS website for more information, and for instructions on signing up.

COMMUNICATIONS

John

We have a new community website! <http://dcs.ourschoolpages.com/Home> It is linked from our LWSD school site, and contains all sorts of useful info and some new tools. You do need to register, and be matched to a current student. Once there, you will find:

- A new calendar with all of our activities (the Excel one has been discontinued).
- An online family directory (the printed one will still be available)
- Ability to enter your volunteer hours online! You will need to sign in (username: "volunteer", and password "discovery"), and then enter your student's name. (If you have more than one student at the school, pick one and use that name for all hours entered, so we can have cumulative reports.) There will no longer be a log book in Janet's office, all hour entry must be done online! (Reminder: when coming to volunteer, please sign in at the main office and then come down to pick up your name tag at Janet's office.)
- Pay your dues online! Credit card payments will go thru PayPal and be assessed a fee (2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction). The fee is rolled into the dues amount.

John has also been working hard to get our email distribution lists resolved. Our addresses have changed to our new domain, emaildodo.com. So Community is now community@emaildodo.com, Steering is now steering@emaildodo.com, etc. Please check your spam and junk folders to confirm that you are receiving mail; if not, please write to John info@DCSCG.org and he will get you added.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Renee/Pam

Last years' reading challenge allowed us to provide a \$250 donation to the Save the Children literacy program. Yay!

About once every month, there will be optional opportunities to work together to serve various organizations in our community, whether through service or donations. If you have an idea, please reach out to Renee or Pam.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Shelley

Several positions are still open, descriptions of the available positions are in the info packets. The org chart will go out online and with the school directory. Currently available positions are:

- Art docents (1 for Middles, 2 for Olders)
- Hospitality Coordinator(s)
- Fall Event Chair (Naomi) could really use a co-chair
- Winter Event Chair (Jennifer) is also seeking a co-chair
- Calendar coordinator

7:30p

ADJOURN

Post adjournment fun: ice cream, root beer, watermelon, and our fabulous teachers taking on the Ice Bucket Challenge! Woo Hoo!!!

No Reports this month:

ENRICHMENT

COMMUNITY BUILDING