

## **Discovery Community School**

Community Meeting

4/17/08

Shannon called the meeting to order at 6:34.

**Principal's Report:** Mark said we are in the middle of WASL testing and it is a great community effort to have it run so smoothly. Carnival is coming May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sock Hop is rescheduled for tomorrow night at Thoreau. Mark briefly explained classroom sizes and how the district determines how dollars are allocated for funding classrooms.

**Teacher's Report:** Teachers would like to thank Janet for her great work, especially on Information Night so Janet was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Joe the custodian was presented with a retirement card filled with a gift card and 'pass the hat' contributions from the community. Joe is retiring at the end of this month.

Diane mentioned the younger's field trip at Kirkland Performance Center with a story teller, Diane Ferlatte who was delightful. Since the younger's don't take the wasl, Diane showed writing and math samples.

Carol said the Middles are on fire, the kids are doing so well. Writing for 4<sup>th</sup> graders was today which is a long day. Two field trips are coming up, Geology Bobs and Tillicum Village. Fourth graders will have a human growth and development movie on May 12. Third grade swim for two weeks starting last week in May. Carol then showed examples of third grade math problems that are similar to the what the kids are seeing on the WASL.

Monica mentioned graduation is Tuesday, June 17 with 16 graduates. The graduation might be in the gym due to the large graduation size. Field trip to arboretum was successful with the kids pollinating plants. The last field trip is to UW engineering open house. Susan Johnson is doing drawing in the olders for the artist in residence which is budgeted by PTSA.

**Treasurer's Report:** Memory pages order forms turn in to Sara S. Those forms are due May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any questions regarding memory pages, see Dana W.

**Volunteer Report:** Anne mentioned for parents to turn in your volunteer hours even if already have met the 65 hour commitment. A sign up sheet passed around for graduation help. Also had a sign up sheet for next year's Organization chart so she wants us to start thinking about how we want to contribute to the school for next year.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Grants:** Susan stated that a great thanks should go to Cameron for her work in writing grants. The Green Team was awarded a partial scholarship of \$720 from The Seed Award. Thoughts of ways to distribute the money are to pilot a couple classrooms

with IKEA-ware for classroom parties, get a worm compost bin and some books for the library.

**Communications:** No report

**Facilities:** No report

**Community Outreach:** Susan stated Earth Day is Saturday, April 26. Schedule will be sent out but we do know that 9:00-12:00 will be the work party which will consist of pulling ivy and planting trees. The kids will be doing flower arrangements in class prior to Earth Day. Also there is a work party at Sandburg this Saturday, 10-2. Please bring work gloves and any tools you wish.

**Enrichment:** Amy said Spring Friday Specials are in progress and going well. She gave some ideas for next years Friday Specials.

**Community Building:** Staff Appreciation: Marlene presented information on DCS tradition to do a breakfast, Thursday, May 15 at 8:00.

**Other Business:**

**Elections:** Pauline presented the people who have accepted the nomination of chair, treasurer and secretary; Pete, Dawn, Stella, Linda and Justin.. Each person told a little about themselves. Ballots were voted, counted and all nominations were accepted. Pete and Dawn are co-chairs, Stella as co-treasurer with Sara S (who was voted a two year position last year) and Linda and Justin for co-secretaries. Congratulations were to everyone who accepted these positions.

**Spring Camp:** Dawn presented three sign up sheets for Spring Camp. Need them filled out to have a successful camp. Dawn briefly described activity help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.