

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008
Carl Sandburg Gym

The meeting commenced at 6:40 PM.

Welcome Pete

Pete welcomed all families to a new year at DCS. There was a brief skit put on by the staff to introduce themes for the coming year. Diane introduced the concept of Flat Stanley, a character that can travel in the mail to learn about other regions. Carol introduced a water-based theme for the Middles. Monica presented a Geology theme.

Staff/Steering Committee Introductions Pete

Staff members were introduced to the Community including Diane, Carol, Monica and Mark. Mark welcomed families to the school and reminded parents of the fortunate opportunity it is to enjoy the benefits of the Community.

Members of Steering Committee introduced themselves with a brief description of their role.

New Families Introduction Pauline

Pauline introduced New Families to the Community.

Volunteer Report Anne

Anne introduced the sign-in volunteer book to new families. Community members should record their volunteer hours in this book. When volunteering at school, it is mandatory to sign in and out of the Sandburg office for insurance purposes. She also recommended building up volunteer hours on a regular basis to ensure meeting the 65 hrs/year requirement.

Community Outreach Christi

Christi noted that there are boxes available in Janet's office to collect items for the school supply drive. She recommended using this opportunity to educate our children regarding needs in our area.

New DCS Website/Communications Dawn

Dawn reviewed paperwork in the student packets distributed at the meeting. Each parent needs to submit a copy of their auto insurance and drivers license. Questions regarding school forms may be directed to Janet.

Dawn noted that the District is now requiring that all school websites have a

congruent format. DCS is one of the first five schools to go live with the new website thanks to the work of Dawn and others over the summer. Dawn distributed sample pages from the website and encouraged members to review it on the web.

Dawn reviewed guidelines for use of the various DCS email communication lists. DCS-business list is used for official school business such as time-sensitive information that cannot wait for Parent Organizer posting. The DCS Community list is used for non-official but information sharing that pertains to the Community. The Community list is optional. Dawn distributed a handout with the mailing list guidelines and with directions for subscribing/unsubscribing. Questions may be directed to Mark B or Dawn. Stuart recently made changes so all parents should be on the correct list for their child(ren)'s class(es). Dawn noted that Parent Organizer (PO) is the primary tool for school business/information.

Miscellaneous

Pete

All parents must have a background check through LWSD before volunteering. This can be done online via the LWSD website. Janet has copies as well.

Fall Event will be Oct 12 from 1-5PM at St Edwards Park Gym. There will be no charge for the event. Families are to mark their calendars. Details to follow.

Ron distributed lost and found items from Summer Camp.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23.