

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Steering Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2009 6:30 PM
Location: Teacher's Lounge

Attending: Pauline, Nadine, Mark, Pete, Dawn, Diane, Jill, Stella, Justin, Cameron, Mark B., Denise, and Susan

THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 6:35 PM.

Principal's Report/Mark- It has been a great year. Focus has always been on children, both the immediate pay-off and the long term impact on our kid's lives. Thank you. Looking forward to next year, the third year of involvement with DCS.

Teachers Report/Diane- Report card issues. District is staying with current conference schedule. A lot of changes are in the works such as online grading. Currently at least a year out.

Teachers happy about increase in continuing education in budget. Denny workshops upcoming here at Sandburg. Positive approach to life and teaching, working with kids. August 10-14 this summer.

Treasurer's Report/Sara/Stella- Income is higher than budgeted. Still one field remaining with charge for the bus. Enrichment, science, and art are still pending. Room reps and staff appreciation money is still coming in. Up to date as of 6/3/2009.

Spring camp, so far have turned a profit.

Enrollment has gone up but the same budget has rolled over every year.

Teacher's continuing education we are over budget by \$788.39 for 08-09. The error has just been recognized by Steering. Because in our total budget there is a surplus no further action is necessary. The community is hereby informed through the meeting minutes.

Volunteer Coordinator Report/Anne/Sheryl- Kim Herzog is the new coordinator. 6 families were under hours for the year.

PTSA Liaison Report/Angela- nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Grants/Cameron- No new grants for the moment. There will be a request sent to Ikea in august for reusable party ware. Will look for new grants in the fall.

Foreign language program will continue next year. Hopefully there will be 3 language programs next year. Open to and looking for possible grants for these programs.

Communications/Mark Ba.- Nothing to report

Facilities/Denise- Many people have expressed interest in providing plants for the grounds. Planting: they are coming up with a list of plants that are forbidden to be planted on school grounds. Have been in touch with district facilities to get this list. Much interest district wide to plant on school grounds.

The flamer: No Flaming. Weed whacking and other alternatives will have to suffice.

Mulching and ground cover materials need to be approved by the district.

There will be a form on the community website to fill out once for the school year releasing Sandburg from responsibility for you while you are weeding.

*Action item: Chemical/pesticide education and awareness brought back to the community to revitalize the herbicide free program. Suggestions include PowerPoint at next Community meeting, blurbs in the Informer, and emails to community. Pauline: make a list of what is being used for chemicals at other schools and their side effects. Re-iterate that DCS volunteer hours accrue with herbicide free work.

Community Outreach/Susan/Christi- This position is open for next year still.

Community Building/Pauline/Nadine- Thank you to Dawn and Pete (flowers) for all the hours and hard work!

Results of democratic poll- July 16 is best for Blyth Park for community potluck. Location has been booked at the covered shelter there. New families are invited.

Suggestion for new families gathering this August at Peter Kirk Pool. Cost is only \$240.0 for 2 hours of full access to pool. Annual community building event to be covered by budget. Pete: suggests to use next year's swimming event funds already budgeted for this event.

New parent gathering at Nadine's house the third week of August. Co-chairs invited to BBQ and teachers as well.

Parent night out at Lind McAllister's house.

Enrichment/Jill/Sherri-

OTHER BUSINESS

New Business/Q&A-

Jill- Summer Camp options for 2010?

- Call to investigate options for camps.
- Looking for private places or state sites. State sites are tricky to reserve for large groups (year in advance).
- Who is willing to do what next?
- Need to set priorities such as swimming, electricity, showers, bathrooms, running water, cooking areas, cost, proximity to Kirkland, etc.
- Set up people to go out and check out some of these sites. Organized through email.
- Compile a list of places and reviews.

Other new business-

Jill- Minimum three years away to move to new facility.