

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting Agenda
December 2, 2009
Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

- 6:36 Dawn **WELCOME**
- Welcome to the December Community meeting!
 - December 21 – January 1: No School – winter break
 - Thank you to volunteers!, Please remember that so many folks are just volunteers and remember that when dealing with them.
- 6:39 Mark Bl. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**
- Apologize for cancellation of November meeting
 - School Levy year this year – here are facts
 - 2010 Feb is levy vote; there is lots of info on the Lake Washington website (<http://www.lwsd.org/News/Levy-and-Bond-Information/Pages/default.aspx>)
 - The school district is calling registered voters asking if they will be voting for the levy; if folks say they will vote for the levy, then they will get a reminder call in February
 - The proceeds of the levy covers maintenance and facility issues, etc and large capital expense
 - The new model of reconfiguration is contingent on the levy passing due to the issues with space in schools. Do not know how a passage of the levy will change DCS (if there is a move to the K-5; 6-8; 9-12 structure) – Mark has a meeting on 3 December where this issue may come up on.
 - This levy also adds choice schools in other levels – expanding the secondary options
 - Automated call coming from system (either 2 December or 3 December) about snow day procedures; if you didn't get the robocall please let Janet know.
 - 6th grade goes to Canada next week
- 6:45 **TEACHER'S REPORT**
- There will be no teachers report this month.
- 6:49 Pete **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- Presented the new financials format, which was approved at the last steering meeting.
 - We changed the format because the previous format was made for someone in accounting, dealt with an issue where some inputs for income needed to be input as negative numbers; also removes the monthly standings to keep everything easy to read.; added how much money is in the bank. Just trying to make format easier to look at and easy to maintain if next treasurer does not have an accounting background.
 - Update on DCS financials
 - Proposal for surplus funds
 - Friday specials for January and February 2010 request \$500 for supplies

- This money is needed due to going over budget on the first Friday special.
- No discussion; Jill moved to approve
- Passed unanimously

6:57 Kim **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Families should be at least thirteen hours through the month of November
- Please remember to log hours into the Volunteer Hours book or email Janet by the end of the month – and don't stop reporting after you made it to 65.
- Learning Celebration next Wednesday. People needed to bring some light snacks and to put the room in order at the end. Arrangements will be made through the room parents.
- Thanks to all volunteers
- Community/Steering meetings count for both parents

7:00 Angela **PTSA LIAISON REPORT**

- PTSA updates
- \$5000 was approved to pay for a new piece of playground equipment; the superdome (spider dome) is being replaced, and there may be 2 other pieces purchased (Mark Bl. is working with kids on what that will be)
- Bookfair will be 14 – 17 December
- Toy Drive – toys being collected now for HopeLink
- Craft fair is Saturday 5 December; tickets on sale Thursday and Friday at lunch as well as on Saturday
- Thanks again for DCS for the financial help with Outdoor Ed
- 14 January is health screen; look for information in the informer
- 18 January is the PTSA focus day in Olympia which consists of a march and rally at the capital promoting an education focus on kids
 - Bring your kids down; there will activities for them
 - Sign up early to have folks meet with legislators (<http://www.wastatepta.org>)
- Grant approved for Dance Guy to come back (probably in May) - 10 – 28 May is window for him
- Don't forget PACE (www.4pace.com) - and sign up at https://www.4pace.com/Member/MBR_Enrollment_NP_Selection.aspx
- Next meeting is 21 January

7:10 Cameron **FINANCE/GRANTS**

- No Finance/Grant updates

7:06 Leo **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A walk through of the DCS Website was done by Dawn (<http://www.lwsd.org/school/discovery>), top spots to look at...
 - Announcements – are on the front page (see snippet below),

Announcements

[Read the Informer online!](#)

Help us be a little more green - read the Informer online here!

[Rescheduled DCS](#) 12.02.2009

[Community Meeting: 6:30-8:30 p.m.](#)

This meeting will be held in the lower building classrooms. Attendance by one parent is mandatory. No children please - due to potentially sensitive issues.

Events

12.21.2009 [No School: Winter Break 12/21-12/31](#)

01.01.2010 [No School: New Year's Holiday](#)

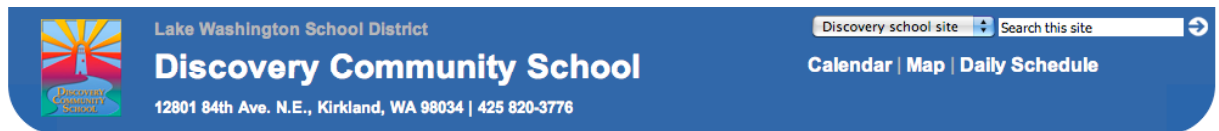
01.04.2010 [School Resumes](#)

01.06.2010 [Junior High Quest - Applications Available](#)


01.07.2010 [LWSD - PTSA Council Meeting](#)

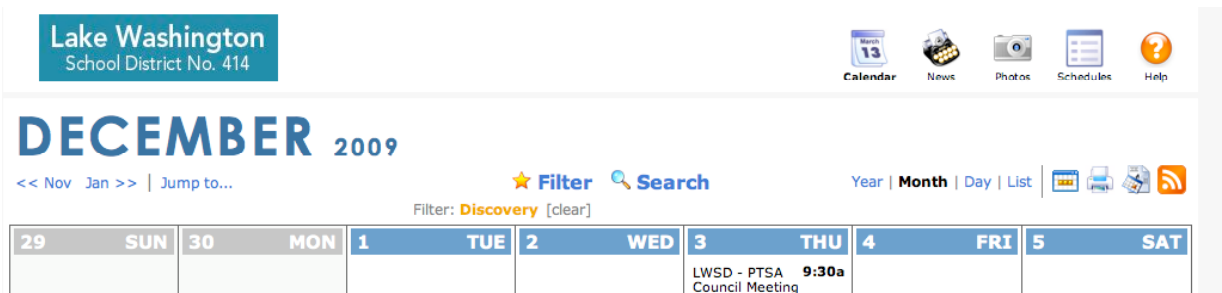
Please email Dawn with any announcements you want displayed

- Calendar/Events – In addition to the top events listed on the front page you can click the calendar link at the top right (see screen shot below – click the text Calendar when on the page) to go to the full calendar:




Look here for all events; options on the page allow you to set up many different ways of being notified about events including RSS feeds (as demonstrated in the picture below –

see the right side where there is the RSS icon - )



The default filter on the page will show you LWSD and DCS events, but you can reset the filter to add what you would like including other schools (click the the Filter icon -

 **Filter** - in the middle of the page above the first week).

- Parents page – From the left side of the home page is the link to the parents section:



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Discovery Community School

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About Us

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For Parents



- Meetings
- FAQ
- Glossary
- Documents
- Community Bulletin Board
- Fundraising

Meeting Schedule and Minutes as well as official documents (forms, bylaws, etc) are posted here. There are links for Frequently asked questions (FAQ) and a glossary of terms used here.

- For secure information (grades for kids in junior high; adding money to your child's account) click on "For Parents" to get to the parents page. From there click on Parent Access login on the right hand side:

The screenshot shows the website header with the school logo and name. The 'For Parents' menu is expanded, showing options like 'Meetings', 'FAQ', 'Glossary', 'Documents', 'Community Bulletin Board', and 'Fundraising'. On the right, there is a 'Parent Access' section with 'Log In' and 'New User' buttons. Below that, there are 'Related Links' for 'DCS/Sandburg Information', 'Breakfast and Lunch Menus', and 'Sandburg/DCS DSA'.

The email address that you gave DCS is the one tied to the security on this page by default. If you are having issues accessing this page, call Food Services to add money, for other issues with the Parent Access sub-site please contact Dawn and she will investigate.

FACILITIES

- No updates

7:17

Susan

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- UNICEF—we collected \$96+
- Food Lifeline— Went very well, amazing turnout, did packages of cocoa (labeling and repackage); provided 8000 winter beverages; kids were great. If there is feedback, please let

Susan know. Turnout was so good that almost had to turn people away since there was a limit on volunteers this time. Discussion on doing it again in the spring.

- Hopelink toy drive—gift tags will be displayed in Janet’s office; we are doing this in conjunction to the school doing it. 16 December is the deadline for turning in gifts
- Cards for retirement center – Setty is running this in December; all kids are going to create cards for the residents
- Coin drive for Mercy Corp will start in the new year

7:21

Cris

ENRICHMENT

- January & February Friday Specials! Artists needed!
 - January 15, 22, 29 and Feb 5 – went through the various items that will be done
 - February 19 – dress rehearsal afternoon... - event will be that night
 - Still looking for some extra people to help, not necessary to be available for all 4 weeks. Will be emailing the individuals involved to coordinate things.
 - Scheduled to meet with the kids on Friday 4 December, so they can make a decision on their interests
 - 19 February will be the Winter event (at the Fin Hill Jr High Cafeteria); 4 pm – 9:30 PM; will send out mail in a week and ½ to alert what groups what is needed; work will be broken into committees. There will be opportunities for folks; the concept is a gallery experience (so performances will be done in the background)
 - Discussion on how the kids are involved

7:34

Pauline

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Parent Night Out host wanted!
- Thinking of a parent night out at Pauline’s house in January – date to come out later
- Organizing a pool party in March
- 12 January is information night – will be planned prior to the meeting through email

7:35

Shannon

MEMORY PAGES

- Slide show shown of all the kids in DCS – begging for pictures
- Upload photos for DCS Memory pages to the DCS Picasa photo account (<http://picasa.google.com>)
 - Email: DCSMemoryPages (case sensitive, no spaces)
 - Password: D1sc0v3ry (case sensitive, note numbers 1, 0, and 3 for i, o, and e)

7:41

Dawn

NEW BUSINESS

- Jill C-F: Summer Camp! – A potential location is the Olympia Campground (see http://olympiacampground.com/oly_frontpage.htm for details on the location) for an August summer; usually this is the first weekend in August. Jill will send email with more information as she gets it
- Spring Camp is Mother’s Day weekend (there is no school the Friday before). The “camp” (<http://campindianola.org/>) does not open until 4 PM, but Dawn is trying to see if we can

get in early. See the camp website (<http://campindianola.org/>) for lots and lots of information on this. Also see the memory pages for pictures on this.

- Dawn - No steering meeting on Thursday – just needed to review financials monthly and that was done tonight.

7:55 ADJOURN

STEERING COMMITTEE STUCK AROUND

- Agreed that no meeting tomorrow – had 12 of the members stating that there were no items for the meeting.