

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Community Meeting Agenda

March 16, 2010

Location: Carl Sandburg Library

6:36 **COMMUNICATIONS** *presented by Hannah*

Choose Constant Contact to replace Parent Organizer (saves about \$29 per year) – see <http://www.constantcontact.com>). Introduction on how it works

6:39 **SPRING CAMP** *presented by Dawn*

6 – 8 May; several people are working with Dawn on this event, which takes care of the main positions. Demo'd Constant Contact and how it will work with Spring Camp, a link to which will come in the email explaining the particulars on Spring Camp. Hopefully you will also be able to pay via PayPal from the website by the time the mail comes out.

Quick interjection to get approval from the community to move to Constant Contact from Parent Organizer. No one raised any objections when asked.

Spring Camp prices went up for staying over in the cabins, and last year was over budget. Went over the individual costs for Spring Camp including a break down of where each figure derives from. Family of 4 for the whole weekend will run \$280.

For those who are new, the camp is at Indianola - www.campindianola.org

7:04 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by Diane*

Youngers went to the Imagine Children's Museum (<http://imaginecm.org/>) in Everett today; tied in with their current science unit on solids, liquids, and gases.

A student from last year (Kensho) who moved to Japan with their family and they are doing fine (they are outside of Tokyo).

presented by Carol

The Middles have some field trips coming up including one to the capital in Olympia to examine the state government (15 April), one to Tillicum village (<http://www.tillicumvillage.com/>), (26 May) and ending up with a trip to Edmunds beach (not scheduled yet).

Current studies include Greek and Roman roots of words.

The piano has been great; hope to bring it out for the whole school to use and share.

presented by Monica

Still working on ancient Egypt; have just finished reports and starting PowerPoint presentations. Match resources that are being used were shared with the group – these are used by the students and are available for parents who are looking to help their kids.

Khan Academy (<http://www.khanacademy.org>) - this site explains how to use various math skills and other subjects.

There is a grant for the middles and the olders to use VmathLive (<http://www.vmathlive.com>). This sites allows users to play against students across the class and against the world. The youngers will be moving to this later in the year. Younger parents can request the passwords from Diane. The log in will last through at least July.

IXL (www.ixl.com) is another tool that supports your child's learning. IXL will also help give explanation for problems that they get wrong. This also allows the movement

through grade levels, and can also examine topics based on the state standards. Anyone using these, please alert Monica how are you using these sites as it helps her with her national board certification works.

7:31 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *presented by Mark*

Discussion on the new configuration structure (which starts fall of 2012), which includes that elementary schools (including DCS) moving to K – 5. Met with an ad-hoc committee prior to the meeting on how this will affect DCS. Discussion of the challenges with kindergarten due to fee based requirement of LWSD as well as half-day classes as well as the first day discussion on what is the goal/interests of DCS.

Not ready to share any models yet; have plenty more meetings planned. There will be plenty of opportunities to provide input. The final decision will be influenced by both DCS and the district with the district using the overall district goals to determine the change.

This team was Mark, Laura, Diane, Jill, Fred, Shannon, Ingrid, Ahmad, and Cris
Monday 21 March at 4:15 is the next meeting in Diane's classroom – folks are welcome to come.

7:50 TREASURER'S REPORT *presented by Pete*

Reminder that we are still \$2500 shy on member contributions and missing some matching funds, but overall on track.

Walk through the 2011 – 2012 budget for vote. Walked through the changes in the budget:

Moved split of the Friday specials from class to the time of year (Fall/Winter/Spring) and increased it by \$1000 to allow the bringing in of outside people

Doubled the budget for outside ed and graduation in case next year (the last year of the current configuration) things need to be done for the 5th graders who will also be in their last year.

Added budget for Staff Apparel; as well Swim, Fall and Winter event. The last three was more calling them out more explicitly rather than pulling them from other areas.

Communication Tools now covers what was the budget lines of Mail Server and Parent Organizer; Music Supplies replaced the line item "recorders".

Some line items were increased while Class Improvement was reduced due to the move coming to the new building in the Fall of 2012.

Overall about a \$1,500 increase in the budget.

We are living over our income, but we have had a surplus for many years because we have not always spent our budget and have a large nest egg. Last year cut down their surplus to about \$1,500, and this model may not be sustainable, but works now.

Praise for the budget in terms of presentation and readability.

Cris/Shannon motion to pass the budget – passed with no opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8:08 ENRICHMENT *presented by James*

13 – 20 May; 3 – 10 June the current range looking at for the next set of Friday specials. *Need some sessions, so please submit ideas.* Thoughts include cooking session (since it was such a big hit); kite making/wind sock; the usual suspects.

8:10 COMMUNITY OUTREACH *presented by Susan*

Thanks to Cori, the Women's Luncheon went real well.

Pack lunches will be the next issue because it is something the kids can do that is hands on. Hope to have a speaker come in to speak about homelessness. Last year this cost \$400 and coming forward to request that again to make 150 lunches on 20 April – *need 4 volunteers to help.*

Looking to do something similar to the Women's Luncheon with the Congregations for the

Homelessness that is a men's shelter, but need someone to drive this.

presented by Ingrid

Weed meet for this weekend, but need someone to help lead this as Ingrid is out.

presented by Jill

Request for funds of \$400 from the surplus funds to support the sack lunches. This need is in the budget for 2011 – 2012. Passed with no opposition.

8:19 **ELECTIONS** *presented by Pauline*

Looking for another Secretary – David will run again

Co-Chair – Laura will run again

Treasurer – Shannon will run again

There are a series of folks who have also been nominated or nominated themselves for these positions as well as Treasurer.

8:25 **COMMUNITY BUILDING** *presented by Nadine*

Swim event is this Sunday with get in the water time at 4:20

Looking for another Parent night out in April or May. Linda may host this

presented by Cris

We had a 70+% participation with creating the event with Friday Specials, bios, food, etc. In addition, we have 49 families out of 54 families (90%) at the Winter event. Showed a video from the parent flash mob.

5 May is staff appreciation and that will involve breakfast burritos.

8:34 **NEW BUSINESS** *presented by Jill*

Summer Camp

First weekend in August (5 – 6 – Friday and Sunday) is the current plan. More details to come in mail.

Persian New Year first day of spring. The Youngers will be doing something to commemorate this.

8:36 **ADJOURN**