

Discovery Community School
Community Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010
Location: Carl Sandburg Lower Building

Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded everyone to get their volunteer hours in and to attend the mandatory community meetings. She also let everyone know that DCS Information Night is January 11, 2011. People volunteered to assist and gave Jill their names.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

- Mark reported. The report cards will be coming out in January and June. This is a change from previous years. Skyward helps with ongoing feedback on child's progress.
- Second round of conferences will be in January. The teachers will be discussing progress made towards goals and current grades. The staff is also focusing a lot on the new curriculum that was implemented this year.
- Common District Summative Assessments (CDSA) are now district wide. The theme this year is "how are our student's progressing towards standards"?
- New Building update: The architects will be at the craft fair on Dec. 4 and will display 3-D models and drawings to share with everyone.

TEACHERS' REPORTS

Youngers:

- Diane explained the Traits of Writing assessment. It consists of: content, organization, conventions, applied spelling and style. Examples were provided of different student's assessments. Scores have been entered into Skyward.
- Field trip on Tuesday was a success. The kids were very well behaved and everyone enjoyed himself or herself.

Middles:

- Carol thanked everyone for the DCS sweatshirts. The book fair was this past week and new books were chosen by the class to add to their library.
- Ball chairs have been ordered for the entire class.
- Field trips: Both field trips to the violinmaker's and the salmon hatchery were a success. The kids really enjoyed it.
- Halloween Party: Kids had a great time and make a slideshow that was sent out. However, nobody had received it so it will be emailed out again.
- Seattle Art Museum: Dec. 17 the middles will go on the Picasso Tour. The class will be going on a district bus.
- Learning Celebration: The class will be having displays about the Wampanoag's First Thanksgiving.
- Goal Setting: First checkup will be the end of November.
- Math: Terminology is a big emphasis in the 3rd/4th grades this year.

Olders: Carol reported for Monica.

- The Olders had two recent in class incursions: The Interactive History Company presented a workshop on ancient clothing and ancient writing. Mad Science also came in and did a workshop on "energy" in which they explored potential and kinetic energy, which is a focus of their current science unit. The class is currently working through the "design process" with K'next vehicles they have built.
- Learning Celebration: In addition to baking pies, the class has split into four groups and will be putting on skits representing the four empires they are studying.
- Outdoor Ed: Second week of December. Rinneke will be with the 5th graders while the 6th graders are gone.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Pete and Jill reported. Pete had copies of the budget available. 1/3 of the parent contributions are in so far. Pete reminded everyone to send them into Shannon S. Pete moved some money from savings to cover some of

the expenses secondary to not all the contributions are in yet. Please check with your employers regarding matching contributions and the volunteer hours.

- Surplus Funds Request: Jill reported for Yvonne Baker. A request was made for a total of \$400.00 to cover an artist coming into youngers and middles to do 4 one hour sessions to teach Chinese art painting and cartoons. The request passed unanimously and was approved.
- Laura told everyone that they can pay their DCS dues via bank bill pay. The address is: 12801 84th Ave NE 98034

ENRICHMENT

- Tom and James reported. They thanked everyone who has helped out with the Friday Specials. The last session for fall will be Nov. 19. The winter session is being planned. The dates will be Feb. 4,11,25,
- March 4 and March 11. There is an extra Friday Specials as that will be the Winter Event.
- Winter Event: March 11 Art Show. Cris encouraged parents to have their kids participate. There will be a "Flash Mob" that the kids can participate in. More details to come on that.
- Winter Friday Specials Tracks: a play, stage and costume design, photography and music.
- The kids who got their second choice this time will get their first choice for the Winter Friday Specials.
- Spring Friday Specials. Let Tom and James know if you have any ideas.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Setty and Susan reported.
- \$60.00 was raised for Unicef.
- Please continue to collect coins for our water jug located in the DCS office.
- Food Lifeline Event this Saturday. There were directions and waiver forms sent out via email. Let them know if you did not receive them. Please wear the proper shoes to this even.
- Hopelink gift tags are now available in the DCS and main offices. Collection boxes are set up in each office. Gifts are due Dec. 17th.
- Rummage Sale: Setty asked if anyone would be interested in doing a rummage sale as a fundraiser. Each family would have their own table to sell their items. The potential date would be in February 5 or 12 and it would be held in the Sandburg/DCS gym. The 5th graders could sell baked goods as a fundraiser for next years outdoor ed. A sign up sheet was passed around to find out potential interest.
- Homeless Women's Shelter Luncheon: Cori will be coordinating this. It will be March 5. More details to come.

PTSA

- Homework Club: Dawn reported. DCS contributed \$250.00 towards the cost of the fall session of homework club. PTSA is looking at ways to decrease the costs. Dawn asked if anyone was interested in volunteering 2 nights/week from 3:35-5:00 pm to assist with 4-6 grade students.
- Craft Fair: Becca reported the craft fair will be 12/4. Setup at 9:45 a.m. & the fair running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Parent volunteers are needed to assist at the craft tables. A sign up sheet was passed around.

NEW BUSINESS

- Spring Camp: Dawn explained to the new families what Spring Camp is .The dates are May 6-8 at Camp Indianola. The whole family is invited.
- Upcoming Dates: Wed. Nov. 24 11-Noon: Learning Celebration
- Sat. Nov. 27 Seattle Kids Marathon from 10 AM at the Seattle Center.
- Dec. 4 Make and Take Craft Fair from 10 AM – 2PM
- Shannon B. had several DCS sweatshirts to give away from Susie S. Make a donation to your favorite charity. Shannon also showed photos of the kids from activities this year.
- Frani told everyone about her jewelry show to raise funds for the Mitochondrial Research Fund. Prices are wholesale prices. She will send out an email with further details. The dates are Dec. 5 and 12 from 1-5pm at their home.
- Amy reported the DCS shopping bags are in; they are \$2 each. Contact her if you would like to purchase them.

ADJOURN: 8 pm