

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Steering Meeting Agenda

May 5, 2011

Location: Carl Sandburg Library

Attendees: Diane, Cameron, Nadine, Jill C-F, Kim, Pete, Cris, Mark, Laura, Peggy, Cindy, Dawn, Susan V, Hannah, Shannon

6:34 **WELCOME** *presented by Jill/Laura*

6:34 **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** *presented by Mark*

Colors were presented on the new school building. Lots of solar panels in the current plans. Will be talking tomorrow about the logistics while construction is going on. Construction start time will be delayed a couple of days (22 June) because of the delay in the end of school, but at least as of now that does not mean a delay in the opening. Construction went out to bid this week.

Thanks to Mark for attending all these meetings for this

Discussion on the moving boxes – does the school purchase or rent or reuse? This is something for later discussion.

No further information on realignment of DCS since past report where it was reported that initial feedback was positive.

6:47 **TEACHER'S REPORT** *presented by Diane*

Discovery time went very well, and the classes worked very well together. The MSP is coming up; all students will be doing this on the computer.

Any reason why the piano cannot be taken apart in the portable room? No one could see any reason why it couldn't be.

6:54 **TREASURER'S REPORT** *presented by Pete*

There is a couple of thousand of dollars still owed on spring camp, please make sure and bring your checkbook tomorrow if you still owe.

Checking and Savings balances look good (8k and 15k respectively). Brought in about 13k and spent about 17k.

Budgets are looking good, nothing is over, and most areas are close to their budgets. Classroom improvement looks like it will come \$1500 under budget.

We are still owed about \$1900 in the donations.

Corporate matching funds are also still outstanding.

Discussion of using some excess funds for the playground while the school is being built. If everything was done for the plan that would run around \$21k; discussion of [DCS Jill/Peggy motion to donate up to \\$2500 to this plan](#). Approved to go to Community Meeting for final approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:14 **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** *presented by Susan V*

The students have enjoyed working on these items.

Looking back on the year, thinking that the sandwich making being done for a more local charity. The coin drive is the last thing to finish up.

7:16 **COMMUNITY BUILDING** *presented by Peggy/Nadine*

The families graduating will be recognized, and it is in motion. This will take place at the Community meeting.

7:17 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** *presented by Kim*

Before the next community meeting there will be a large spreadsheet posted where folks can sign up for positions.

Discussion of ensuring that folks have explicitly stated that they want to do the position they are assume to be rolling over on as well as checking in on some of the most critical positions.

Discussion of whether there should be a break down into grouping of skill sets to aid in getting volunteers or if that adds process that doesn't add any greater benefit. Decided that there was not enough value here.

7:33 **SPRING CAMP** *presented by Dawn*

Budget is going fine – even under budget on scholarships.

There are indoor spaces in case we have too much rain.

7:35 **PTSA LIAISON** *presented by Dawn*

Jill and Cindy are on the PTSA Board next year. Cindy offered to be the PTSA Liaison next year.

7:37 **NEW BUSINESS/Q&A** *presented by Jill*

Suggest that we have a one year change to the bylaw rule of requiring 8 community meetings to no less than 5 to accommodate the issues that might arise with construction.:

- Discussion how many families make their hours from community hours? There is PTSA or Steering where folks could pick up that. What about the community feeling of a face-to-face meeting? PTSA has combined Board meeting with general meeting to make it one evening rather than two.
- Round robin discussion on community meeting benefits
- Decision: we should be more flexible about meeting requirements, and the by laws will be looked at to see how to accomplish this
- Reminder: Community meeting attendance is expected, not required.

8:09 **ADJOURN**

No Reports this month:

Communications	Dawn/Hannah
Enrichment	Tom/James
Finance	Cameron