

Discovery Community School  
Steering Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2011  
Location: Library  
Start: 6:30pm

Members Present: Laura, Tom, Diane, Mark, Cris, Janet, Shannon, Julia, Hannah, Peggy, Frani, James and Kari

Principal's REPORT Presented by Mark

- K-5 classroom configuration for 2012 was approved
- Kindergarten option: some kids may elect for only ½ day
- Large instruments (Cellos) are no longer allowed on the bus, looking into options. Kim (orchestra teacher) is currently delivering instruments.

TEACHER'S REPORT Presented by Diane

- Conferences went well. Teachers appreciate the dedication of the parents to meet and discuss child's progress.

TREASURER'S REPORT Presented by Shannon S./Julia

- Monthly financials & Budget review
  - Currently we have \$10,000 more budgeted than we are currently bringing in.
  - Current budget spending: field trips and outdoor ed., paid insurance, teacher funds.
  - Checking Balance \$4,718 and Saving Balance \$13,088
- Surplus Funds request – vMath
  - Motion from James and Cris to purchase vMath for \$30 per student for the year. (\$2,190)
  - IXL is going well in the youngers. Diane requested to purchase in January cutting the expense to 15\$ each child. (Savings would be \$360)
  - Discussed an option to adding a tech fund as a line item in the budget.
- Discussion about moving to a different financial institution
  - Currently banking with Bank of America. Begin a new fee Oct 14<sup>th</sup> of \$14 a month
  - Suggestions to look into BECU and as a second option WellsFargo.
  - Steering agreed to empower Shannon to act on looking into BECU business account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Written by SusanV/Setty

- UNICEF trick or treat boxes will be handed out at the next community meeting
- Soles for Souls shoe drive : 10/12-10/28 collection boxes in DCS and Sandburg offices
  - Any type of shoes, styles accepted. Will be requesting \$1/pair to help defray shipping costs

OLD BUSINESS Presented by Laura/Janet

- What to do about musical instruments DCS bought last year?
  - They are currently at Stellas home. Steering agrees that these instruments were purchase to assist with the over flow music classes and Sandburg can use them. Mark will be looking into a locked storage area.

## WINTER EVENT

Presented by Cris

- Save the date for March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Presenting art, photography, construction, possibly 2 plays?
- Dance Mob: Discussed how it went last year and people liked that one practice was after school and one practice was on the weekend. Sunday afternoon . Will aim to do the same. Has reached out the alumni for assistance. Music has been selected.
- A Co-chair is needed

## 7:45 ENRICHMENT

Presented by James

- Start of the year report
  - Friday Specials are set, using Mrs. Humphrey's Kindergarten room for dance. Krissy is running dance and she is not asking to be paid.
  - Local cartoonist: Jody coming in to see how Friday Specials are run. See may offer to do Cartooning.
- Streamlining Fall Friday Specials
  - Parents have expressed an interest in shortening the weeks for Friday Specials. Can another schedule work? Some topics need longer amounts of time. Discussed having only 2 weeks in fall, 2 early spring, 2 late spring. James suggests that we work on starting to set up fall sessions in the spring.
- Winter Friday Specials Dates: 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/2, and 3/9

## PTSA LIAISON

Written by Cindy

- Next general meeting on 10/27, all welcome to attend.
- Dance Marathon fell short of meeting the goal by \$5k. \$2,000 has since been collected. At the general meeting we will be discussing the budget and next steps. Thanks to all who contributed!
- Second volunteer orientation on October 14th from 9:20 – 10:20 in the Main Office. RSVP to Theresa Harrington at tk.harrington@frontier.com so we will know how many to expect.
- Open enrollment has begun for before and after school activities. These after school activities are coordinated by the PTSA. It is nice we can offer such a variety of programs for the students.
- There are still a few PTSA projects that need leaders, these dual school projects cannot succeed with help. The PTSA website or the Informer has more information.
- Please send any DCS calendar items that the PTSA should be aware of the Theresa Harrington at tk.harrington@frontier.com

## 8:15 ADJOURN

No Reports this month:

Community Building          Peggy/Frani

Volunteer Coordinator      Kim