

Discovery Community School  
**Steering Meeting Agenda**  
February 20, 2013 – 6:30p  
Location: The Commons

6:35p	WELCOME	Amy	5 minutes
6:40p	PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	Heather	10 minutes

We're at the midpoint of year; the students have come far. We're still looking forward to much in the rest of the year. Teachers also have been honing their skills. Recently working on formulating questions to lead to higher-level student learning.

Q: What's happening with the natural playground? A: We have staff to cover the district-standard playground, but need volunteers to cover the natural playground. A link has been published in the Informer for parents to sign up for shifts. Need two adults - one to monitor the service driveway for safety and one to monitor the natural playground itself. IAs also need to be equally distributed where the majority of the students are playing, which tends to be in the upper playground area. IAs are employees and able to manage student behavior (as opposed to parent volunteers who are there to facilitate and encourage). Will try the volunteer approach for a couple more weeks and re-evaluate.

Next parent coffee chat is at 9:10 on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> in the Commons.

6:45p	TEACHER'S REPORT	Diane	30 minutes
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Diane – Youngers: Studying solids and liquids in science, using Foss kits where kids can explore with materials and follow up with discussion of what they've learned. Today students packed lunches for the homeless. A speaker came to discuss homelessness, gearing the talk to students' level. Staff is happy with the auction plan for Winter Event, and are planning to offer some form of evening event on a donation basis.

Q: How are volunteers in the classroom working out? A: Things are going great. Appreciate that people find replacements when they can't make it. Parents are caring when they work with students (encourage, but don't discipline).

Carol – Middles: Carol has given each student a little Webster dictionary, and is pleased to see how they're pulling them out and using them as a tool, and are enthusiastic about using them. Just had a field trip to the International District (Wing Luke Museum). Next week will be going to Benaroya Hall to listen to a lecture. Science is currently the physics of sound. Next field trip will be an in-class incursion where Soundbridge will bring in instruments and study sound. Ingrid S. came in to play the cello, and alumni will also be coming in with their string instruments. In Social Studies have been studying diverse world cultures, involving students' families where possible. Will study how diverse world cultures have impacted the US.

7:05p	TREASURER'S REPORT	Andrew/Jeff	5 minutes
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Not much to report this month. March Steering meeting will be the budget discussion. An approved budget proposal will be brought to the March Community meeting for approval by the community.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7:10p	COMMUNITY OUTREACH	Setty/SusanV	10 minutes
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- Packing sack lunches, Feb 20
- Women's Luncheon Saturday, February 23rd (Cori)
- Annual Coin Drive to benefit KaBOOM, [www.kaboom.org](http://www.kaboom.org)



