

Discovery Community School
Community Meeting
April 23, 2013 – 6:30p
Location: Sandburg/DCS Library

6:34p WELCOME

Cris opened meeting with greetings.

6:37p Special Visit from **Stupendous Cat Herder**

Announcing Spring Camp. Need volunteer for photography booth; booth expected open on Saturday at Camp weekend, 10-12pm and 2-4pm.

6:45p PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Heather

DCS received Washington State Achievement Award – staff going to Olympia to collect award.

Art Auction: postponed until this time/season next year; allows fundraising effort to continue over longer time period.

LWSD School Bond didn't pass.

6:45p TEACHER'S REPORT Diane

Youngers – 3rd science unit named 'Animals 2 by 2'. Fish put into fish tank. Ideas: Mothers & Babies; Comparisons.

Reptile Man – recent learning journey; turtles, cobra, rattlesnake, alligator, rubber boa, Burmese python. Big thank you from Diane to volunteer support on Learning Journey (Tara C and Ingrid S).

Middles - Carol

Smooth operation by volunteers

April 24 – music program for 3rd and 4th. 2nd graders will be singing.

Recent Learning journey to local firehouse arranged by Greg P. Best part for the kids appeared to be shooting the fire hose. Firefighters emphasized repetition for training which relates to school learning.

Next botanical unit is on soil.

Science unit is insects. Classroom currently has meal worms which is an exciting unit.

Teachers continue to work on grade-level expectations together. Today – nearly all kids passed their math facts.

Olders – Cheryl G.

Science unit: classroom has roly-poly bugs, anticipating another insect and fish soon.

Recent Learning Journey to EAS to learn about water and irrigation systems, land shifting. Fun that former DCS students presented.

Pure foods workshop – chili; for learning about calories.

April 28 – Book fair
May 6 Brightwater
Etc – on newsletter

7:04p TREASURER'S REPORT Rick/Susan

Budget has balance of \$30,764.84

Only 4 families have not paid contribution of which 3 have responded with intention to pay. Have corporate matching inbound into account.

Balance of contribution will be on reminder of volunteer hours.

Friday night gatherings for kids in each classroom raised ~\$700 (Jewell, Fletcher, Glassey)

Lloyd: suggested we continue to use word of 'contribution' and provide information on volunteer letter of amount contributed to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7:10p DCS Elections: Intros & Ballots

John K handed out election ballots. All get to vote who are members of Discovery Community School community group.

7:40p COMMUNITY BUILDING Christi/Lindsay/Cariann

Christi is phasing out of community building, moving to green team and PTSA liaison.

- Appreciation Box
- PNO – Vossler's 6/14 from 7pm – 10pm, light appetizers and desserts
- Graduation families cards in Janet's office to sign
- Summer Picnic – Sat Aug 2nd, Rhododendron Park
- Summer Camp – Non sponsored event July 24,25,26, at South Whidbey State Park (~3 spots left)
- Summer Swim – August 23 – 5:30pm- 7:30pm Peter Kirk Pool; idea to head over to Zeek's for dinner afterwards

7:20p COMMUNITY OUTREACH Susan V/Pam

- Reading for literacy - for Save the Children organization; Susan used money in the budget by using kids reading points to release money from \$250 pool. For powerful readers, will have maximum of one voucher per day. Save the Children program for benefit of 250 million kids who do not read; supports reading, counting, and literacy
- Herbicide Free weeds-be-gone event 4/27 11am – 1pm

8:00p ENRICHMENT Susan W

Spring unit of Friday Special: computer programming, Japanese culture, rugby, drumming.

7:28p VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Shelly

Youngers needs Learning journey coordinator. Art Docent – need one more for Middles, and 2 for Olders. Science docents – none for Olders. Caring coordinator – volunteer needed. Can find volunteer descriptions on website.

Mary O – interested in Olders Science Docent. Kari for caring coordinator.

7:33p Election Results Announced – John K presented. Unanimous support for slate of candidates. All elected. Susan Bella – Vice President, Cris Pedersen – Treasurer, Mathew Pruitt – Assistant Treasurer, Paul Plank, Assistant Secretary. Continuing as President is Rachel T, and Secretary is Amy D.

7:36p STAFF APPRECIATION Sunni

Asking for donated vases for flowers for staff.

Voluntary appreciation.

1. Encourage kids to bring in May Day Monday (flowers) and Thank you Note Thursdays (Sunni has binder of information on each teacher's preferences)
2. Smoothie Tuesdays
3. Grant a Wish Wednesday
4. Annual All-Staff Breakfast on Friday – Oatmeal breakfast – very popular.

Sign-up sheet moving through room.

8:30p **ADJOURN**

No Reports this month:
FUNDRAISING

James/Allison