

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Community Meeting Agenda
February 19, 2014
Location: Carl Sandburg Library

6:30 WELCOME

Cris P

- Thank you to the community for your support in November/December during my dad's stay at the hospital and his service afterward; for the rides, meals, notes, work, there just are not enough words to express how grateful I am to you all.
- In addition, thank you for your patience in postponing the Appreciative inquiry, with this agenda you have now received the notes from the evening and we will come up with a plan at Steering as to how to finish the process. The upside is 80% of the work was completed at the community meeting in October and we have already put into place some suggestions that came out of the evening. Stay tuned.
- So, now I want to touch base with all of you regarding your volunteer activity, by this time each family should have at least 36 hours completed, if you are short there will be plenty of opportunities with WE, Spring camp, Friday specials and various other activities. Please remember we are a community, and with that means we contribute, time, sweat, energy, money, ideas, because we chose this for our children the more we put into the school the more they reap the rewards. We are all responsible for procuring items for fundraisers, contributing to fundraisers to support our school and keep up with our obligations – find substitutes when needed, show up to Friday Special obligations, etc. etc. With every school organization, the spring brings exhausted volunteers, every single family in this room has busy lives and everyone needs to put in the effort to keep this school great. There is a reason we had 94 applications for four spots. If your child has the privilege to attend this school, find a way to push through and bring your very best to the community for your children's sake.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Heather not here.

6:40 - TEACHER'S REPORT

Diane/ Carol/Cheryl

30 min

Diane – it's a privilege to be in the classroom; multi-age classroom, new Common Core curriculum – these are challenges to complete so volunteers are needed to succeed. Mentioned Susan V for community outreach; Corinna speaker spoke with Youngers on homelessness and she handled topic with grace. Students packed sack lunches. Reminder to bring boosters for Youngers Learning Journey on 2/20. Youngers worked on Informational writing, e.g. on animal puppets. Moving into opinion writing. Will tie into Common Core expectations. Genre of literature learning – fantasy vs. realistic fiction. Be sure to keep up with weekly volunteerism or seek a replacement.

Carol – Highlights: thank you for holiday gifts and volunteerism. Volunteers: Please stay home if ill or if child is ill. Let Carol know if you cannot fulfill volunteer role in classroom. Recent learning journey: MOHAI at new Lake Union location; exhibit on Seattle Fire – kids developed skit on events before, during, and after fire – great learning opportunity. Great resource to take charter bus. Next March LJ – Woodland Zoo for insect exploration re: life sciences. Thursdays 1:55 to 2:25 Sue Chinn will provide 'Steps to Respect' program – starting March. Starting today – Sandburg/DCS kids to recognize 'random acts of kindness'. These are acts that are the right thing to do, no recognition back and not to do someone's job. These acts show your character. Parental support will help.

Cheryl – Leave for Islandwood on Monday. Thanks to Janet and Amy. Carrie, Julie and Fred – chaperones. Intend to send home nightly email. Toured Digipen; kids planned their own board game – kids enjoyed. Art docent – cat project, zen tangles. Working on Google homepage design. Writing: narrative. Math – fractions. Volunteers: morning interventions on kids who need extra support.

7:00 COMMUNITY BUILDING Lindsay C/Larissa

Appreciation Box – Black box in Janet's office

Parent Night Out – next hosts are Crabbe Family – planned for March
Vosslers to host end of school year PNO.

DCS Raffle planed for evening of Winter Event, March 7; for fundraising; plan is for 5 – 6 packages; Themes are: videogames; home organization; family fun; foodie packages – need a few more items to go with those themes; need to continue adding items so that raffle is enticing.

Lisa J coordinating volunteers for raffle. Volunteers needed to sell tickets.

Teachers planning another kid night out event; a night for movies with teacher; entrance by donation but no kid turned away.

Save the Date May 16 – 18 "SUPER HERO" SPRING CAMP

7:15 TREASURER Cris

Jeff B – 1st year treasurer has left his position as treasurer; his child no longer attends DCS; we need another volunteer for the two year commitment.

Susan B. volunteered to fulfill position.

Jeff B resignation received; Susan B. voted in as treasurer for remainder of 2013 – 2014; all in attendance voted for Susan B. as treasurer.

7:25 WINTER EVENT Jennifer /Hannah

Need stage manager; can get quick orientation.

Can submit artwork through Feb 21st.

March 7 – 6-8pm.

Checked FHMS commons and Sandburg commons. FHMS – room available; larger space; incurs an expense that is covered in budget.

Winter Event chairs to make final decision; community voted yes to support chairs on decision of having event at FHMS or Sandburg commons.

Food – self serve; chili/mac & cheese; fruit. Label utencils.

If kids have photos available – send images to Julie H to print (top 3)

7:30 ENRICHMENT Susan W/Julie

Need replacement for Susan W – both exposed enthusiasm for Friday Special and benefit for kids. Spring specials will be 3 weeks – April 18, 25, and May 1.

7:35 COMMUNITY OUTREACH Susan V/Pam

Foodlifeline – packed flour; Mary's Place – packed lunches

Open to suggestion.

- Jan: Food Lifeline. We repacked over 2800 lbs of flour!
- Feb: Helping the Homeless. Thank you to all volunteers for a successful luncheon at Mary's Place and helping students pack sack lunches for the homeless. Toiletries were greatly appreciated at Mary's Place.
- Herbicide Free: March-April: Watch for Weed Meets to resume. More landscape areas available to "adopt" if interested, especially during the summer.
- Kirkland Styrofest Event – February 28 – March 3 – See City of Kirkland Website for details.
- Green Team: May 31: Free electronics recycling event at Inglewood Presbyterian Church. Donations will benefit Hopelink End Summer Hunger program.

7:39 COMMUNICATIONS John K

All mailing lists at beginning of this year were limited to under 50 addresses. John K had tried to use Youngers, Middles and Olders lists. The forwarding process does not work every time. Send emails to webmaster@dscq.org to get to Community or business addresses. In bed your own email address in address boxes. We'll use this process for two more weeks until we can switch providers.

7:45 2014-2015 VOLUNTEER POSITIONS – in need of volunteers to fulfill

Elections Coordinator Stephanie
Stephanie asks for folks for nominating committee: Cris P joined that committee.

Fundraising Coordinator James
James in last year; he welcomes volunteer for position; he will share his experience. Grant writing – Lloyd.
Kids consignment through Boomerang – very effective fundraiser. Escript, Pcc cards. Volunteer position is not overly time consuming.

New Family Coordinator Shelley
Ideally need someone by May 1st. Four new families attend May community meeting which is initial introduction; Volunteers will provide informational support to new families.

Auction Coordinator - will need team; lots of detail.

Community Outreach co-chair (DCS and liaison to Sandburg)
Green Team
Herbicide Free
Summer Picnic Coordinator – July event

8:00 ADJOURN