

Discovery Community School
Joint Steering/Community Meeting Agenda
December 5, 2013
Location: Library

WELCOME Rachel

Note that this is a combined Steering & Community meeting; thank you for being flexible!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Heather

The school will have an additional 5 hours of IA time, starting tomorrow. Janet will therefore have more time for DCS.

Teaching cursive is NOT a Common Core requirement, but will continue to be taught.

Keyboarding: is not specifically taught until 4th grade, "Type to Learn". To practice "touch typing", cover all of the keys with stickers, have them practice 5 min a day. 14 words per minute is standard. Mrs. Glassey is waiting for a log-in so the class can access "Type To Learn" at home (<http://ttl4.sunburst.com/>). "Dance Mat" (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/flash/stage1.shtml>) is another app to try.

TEACHER'S REPORT Diane, Cheryl, Carol

Diane: Geology Bob is coming on Monday to all 3 classes. He is a regular guest in our classrooms. We are excited!

TREASURER'S REPORT Jeff/Rick

Reimbursement requests need to use the form that is posted on the DCS website, or available from Janet.

ACTION ITEM: remove the requirement for the budget owner's signature. (Rick is verifying budget owner approval via email.)

Appreciations Christi

Christi shared 14 appreciations to/from the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENRICHMENT SusanW/JulieH 5 minutes

Planning for Winter Friday Specials is underway. Focus is on the arts, both performance and display. Ideas include:

- Kites and windsocks
- Chinese culture and New Year
- Drumming
- Last space is unconfirmed, may be tie dye. Yoga and YoYos are under consideration. As usual, bring your passion and ideas to Susan and Julie!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Christi/Lindsay

15 minutes

- Social activities
 - Parents Night Out, looking for a host for Jan/Feb, anyone interested?
 - Organizing class-based events, get together with other parents from your class!
- Winter Event! (Jennifer/Hannah)
 - Mark your calendar for Mar 7, 6pm-8:30pm
 - Dress rehearsal to be scheduled (required for all performers)
 - Theme: Our Shining Stars! A variety show starring your kids! Any talent they want to demonstrate.
 - Dinner will be casual, pot luck (chili, veggies, brownies; self serve)
 - Auction? If so, need an auction coordinator, please reach out to Jennifer (jennandmat@msn.com) or Hannah (hannah.grubaugh@barre3.com)
 - Sign-up sheets passed around

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SusanV/Pam

- Thank you for the 3 Thanksgiving meal boxes for KITH!
- Hopelink gift drive. Pick up a gift tag in the DCS office and return unwrapped gift to Hopelink box outside of DCS office no later than Dec 13.
- Jan 25: Food Lifeline volunteer event. Watch for signup in January. This is a fantastic event for families to do together, including kids 6 and older.
- Mary's Place, Women's luncheon, Feb 8. Details coming soon.
- Save your shampoos, lotions, etc. from your travels for Helping the Homeless in Feb.

NEW BUSINESS

Rachel

- Matching funds for volunteer hours—please check with your company to see if it will provide matching funds.
- Surplus funds request for IslandWood (Amy)
 - Concept is to pay for the upcoming IslandWood trip out if surplus funds, with all fundraising for this year being allocated to the next year's trip. Essentially will put us one year ahead as far as fundraising goes, giving us more time to plan. Need more details, tabled until Jan steering. Youngers and Middles families are strongly encouraged to come to Steering and provide input.
- Auction chair needed! Last year, the auction was our largest fundraiser, and there is only about 9 weeks left until Winter Event. If you have other ideas, please provide them as well (ideas suggested included: a "wine raffle; have the auction at a separate wine tasting event; provide a gift wrapping service for holiday gifts; arrange to have a family photography service at one of our events to sell photos.)
- A Fundraising Chair is needed for next year—please consider stepping up. It would be ideal for the new Chair to be able to shadow James W for the rest of the year to learn the ropes.

7:40p

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No Reports this month:

COMMUNICATIONS

FUNDRAISING

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR