

Discovery Community School  
Community Meeting Notes  
Location: Library  
September 17, 2014

Started at 6:30

Welcome (Rachel)

Principal Report (Heather)

- Curriculum night is tomorrow (9/18). Begins at 6 pm parents of middles and olders report to classrooms. 6:45 everyone (youngers, middles, and olders) in commons for PTSA information; 7:15 youngers go to classroom
- Thank you to volunteers, particularly lunchroom, crew shell, health room
- Please sign up for Parent Access—we need to know if it's not working
- Kicked off Second Step curriculum—teaches social and academic skills

Teacher's Report (Ms. Glassey)

- MSP science scores for 4<sup>th</sup> grade—100% passed last year
- First learning journey: 10/2 Challenges Northwest. All day team building.
- Other teachers will report tomorrow at Curriculum Night

Treasurer's Report (Matt)

- \$34,706 in the bank
- Dues: \$250 per student
- Can pay any time throughout school year
- Reimbursement forms will come home through students on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Reimbursement receipts will be received by email
- Check receipts—some may have received incorrect information

PTSA (Tracie Wilhelm)

- Will report in more detail tomorrow at curric night
- First year Sandburg going to Islandwood
- PTSA has allotted \$6500 to Islandwood this year
- DCS parents welcome to join PTSA
- Thank you to John Kammerer for work on PTSA website
- PTSA fundraisers benefit both schools (Dance Marathon is an important fundraiser for both schools)

Enrichment/Friday Specials (Julie)

- Friday Specials—parents conduct classes for short session on Fridays three times a year (fall, winter, spring).
- Fall dates: 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14
- Classes are mixed grade (k-5)
- Usually 4 classes offered (due to space limitations)
- Parents pitch classes to kids
- Kids vote to choose—rank choices 1-4
- If kids don't get top choice, they will get top choice another time
- Why are Friday Specials great?
  - Kids love them
  - Parent involvement
  - Strong sense of community
  - Kids learn and try new things—street hockey, rugby, drawing, drumming, photography, sewing, etc.
- What kinds of classes?
  - Wide open—talk to Julie about ideas
  - We try to have a variety of topics per session
  - Winter focuses on performance or something to display for Winter Event
  - What are your hobbies? Interests? Skills?
  - What is your profession?
- Examples
  - Sports: Rugby, jump rope, etc.
  - Arts/Crafts: painting, cartooning, fashion, clay, etc, paper folding, friendship bracelets, etc.
  - STEM: bridge building, aeronautics, science fair, LEGO, rollercoasters, computing, etc.
  - Performance/dance: tai chi, puppets, hip hop dance, etc.
  - Culture/language: Chinese New Year, African mask-making
  - Cooking: smoothies, sushi, strawberry shortcake, pumpkin carving, etc.
  - Other: knot tying, geocaching, etc.
- Question/Concerns?
  - Classroom management?—many volunteers, and we can help
  - Time commitment? Can parter with someone
  - Cost/supplies? We have a budget, can get reimbursed

#### Community Building (Cariann and Lindsey)

- Adrienne Yang for Learning Journeys, Rachel and Susan for co-chairs, John Kammerer for email and website, Cris Peterson and Matt Pruitt for treasurers, Ms. Jewel, Melissa and Ryan for summer picnic, Christi for composting and recycling, Sachi for watching kids during community meetings, and thanks to Mrs. Fletcher.

- Parents' Night Out: Evening where parents get together. No kids. One parent hosts. Others bring food and drink. Great social gathering. The date is determined by the host. Times are usually 7-10 but flexible. Date TBD
- Susan's idea: Mom's night out. Possibly Cinebar—see a movie and have fun. Date and details TBD
- Fall Event: (Naomi Letterman and Tiffany) Sunday afternoon or early evening. Probably 10/26 from 3-5. Carnival theme. Snacks. Possible bakesale for Olders. Parents encouraged to participate with booths or work with another family. Will have a list of things to bring or purchase. Look for official email next week.
- Fundraising:
  - Box Tops—will submit on 11/1. You can get a box top sheet at website. Send neatly clipped in a bag. Make sure they aren't expired.
  - Boomerang—former alum owns a consignment shop. Gives 60% of sale. Clothes, toys, games in good condition. Accepts only in season. Box is outside community meeting room. Contact Larisa Peay with questions
  - Great start to fundraising this year
  - Yellow sheet for how to sign up for Safeway, Fred Meyer, etc.
  - Raffle winners: \$20 Amazon.com card=Allysa Batemen, \$20 Fred Meyer=Jackson \$20 Safeway=?, \$50 PCC=Lucas Robins
  - We have 5 times the participation this year on-line participation
  - We will have the big raffle this year for Winter Event; need volunteers to contact businesses

#### Volunteer Coordination (Shelley)

- Two open positions: Hospitality coordinator—passing around snack sign-up schedule, send out reminder, come early for meeting to set up coffee and tea; Spring Camp coordinator—one person needed to help Amy assign room cabins, plan and run activities for kids
- Brandon Turpin volunteered for Spring Camp co-coordinator
- Volunteer positions list and description went out earlier this year. See Janet if you would like a different copy
- Contact teachers if they need specific help

#### Community Outreach (Pam)

- School supply drive—collected 233 items.
- October shoe drive—Redeeming Soles—we will collect shoes in any condition. Any type of shoe. Any size. This will happen during Walk to School week. Three days only. 10/6-10/8. Box will be available near the Janet's office.
- 10/7—Walk to School Day—special day for kids to bring shoes with them

#### Green Team/Enrichment (Christi)

- Kids are getting better at recycling
- Thanks to volunteers who are guiding kids
- Sign kids up now for afterschool enrichment
- Gave plug for Dance Marathon

#### New Business (Stephanie/Susan)

- We need updated pictures for Our Families Wall—send digital copy to Stephanie
- Susan: Sunday 9/28 from 11-1. Weed pulling event. Need to fill out LWSD release form. Please consider adopting an area.
- Rachel: reminder to enter volunteer hours at DCS website. No more notebook. Logon: volunteer; Password: discovery. Enter for meetings, too. Total is available. Please enter before last day of month.
- Website: Please sign up. Eight families have not signed up. Babysitting list available there

Adjourn at 7:55