



Discovery Community School
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DCS Community Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021
Location: Zoom

Presiding: Jose Ruiz

Minutes: Erin Moreland

Opening – 6:32pm

Welcome - Jose

Teachers Report - Diane Jewell

Things are going well. Students are adjusting well to remote learning. She recommends participating in Courageous Conversations. Progressive ideas bringing conversations regarding diversity to age appropriate level. Very impressive. Worth adding it to your Wednesday if you have the bandwidth for another meeting. More information attached. Olders are participating in a virtual camp that is going well.

Principals Report - Erin Bowser

Not sure if the Governor's proclamation for all schools to be in class will change anything for DCS. LWSD hybrid model for elementary schools are not meeting the 30% requirement.

Parent question: Noticed HS graduations are happening. Any chance for a Moving Up ceremony?

A: no new news regarding the celebration. It's a much smaller scale. She's open to ideas.

Parent question: is the 30% requirement for elementary schools do you know if that impacts us?

A: Families were offered a hybrid option within the district not within DCS, not sure if that meets the requirement. There's a shared interest to keep the community together. She'll update us if she hears anything.

Parent question: Would it count if kids could remote into in-person class - would that quality?

A: No - but we could do a model where some kids come into DCS classes and some stay home. - then you can do four days of new material. Districts will have to negotiate. No decisions.

Parent question: All of the change causes stress no matter what decision families make. is that part of the discussion?

A: This is what Erin B. has asked of the district - for stability. Can this carry through to the end of the year. All of the back and forth, planning, takes a toll on everyone. She has asked if we can hold steady through the year.

Parent question: How are things going at Sanburg wrt the logistics of opening school in this setting?

A: Going really smoothly. K/1 is doing awesome. Today was the first day for 2nd/3rd, and there's a bit of a learning curve. Logistically it has worked really well. Part of that is that families are doing what they're supposed to be doing. No one is sending their kids to school if they're sick or someone in their family is sick. Kids are following the directions, wearing their masks, working on 6 foot distance in line, K/1 is getting really good at it.

Parent question: This model seems to require that some kids stay home. How would this even work for everyone?

A: CDC is looking at 3' distance (under study). The school is looking at extra space that isn't typically used (under stairs, etc) and how to use spaces differently as we bring more kids back. There are tweaks needed along the way.

Diane's interpretation of the Governor's order is that he wants everyone who wants to go to school in person, is able to.

Parent question: Regarding next year, if there are still restrictions, with 3' rule could we have all the kids in one class?

A: Yes. Some classrooms can fit more than 15 with 6 foot rule, but can't maximize that space. With 3' it would work. Might require some changes to the room layout.

Diane - continent/sharing tables in youngers will have to go. She's preparing mentally for individual supplies and likely desks.

Treasurer's Report - Chris

\$14,874 in savings \$14,718 in checking - forecast for the rest of the year - net around \$40k expenses expected around \$10k leaves us \$30k in the bank (Started with \$20k in the bank, so saved an additional \$10k this year).

Spring Retreat - Chris

Chris plans to propose at the April meeting, that we keep the camp scheduled for August but cancel and push to spring 2022. A parent asked about a possible day camp option. That won't work well because the houses will be rented out by others.

Community Showcase (typically Winter Event) - Sophie

Sophie is looking for volunteers - could use a master template in powerpoint and someone with technical skills. If you're able to help, please reach out. Mystery theater will be doing some poetry, needs

recording, technical skills, will also need help with 5th grade moving up ceremony. 5th grade play was canceled - there will be shirts for kids leaving.

Friday Specials - Adrienne

Ongoing - Things are going more smoothly this round with stronger communication. Planning for Spring. Would like to offer a few in person. Need one more track - she has an idea that wouldn't be a big commitment. Need 3-4 people who can make small commitments.

Volunteers Update - Susan

Email went out regarding elected roles that need to be filled. She'll send that out in the next couple of weeks. Should have a list of open positions for next year at the april meeting. Feel free to talk to Chris or Jose about roles if they're interested or pass along names of folks you think would be great to help lead the community. Encourage involvement.

No new business

adjourned at 7:14 pm