



Discovery Community School
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DCS Steering Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4th 2024

Location: Zoom

Note-taking Secretary: Kiran

Attendees: Jaclyn, Kiran, Danya, Lindall, Kara, Katherine, Erin Bowser, Erin Subcleff.

Opening: 7:05 pm. Jaclyn opened meeting.

Principal's Report: Erin Bowser.

Questions from the last meeting: Youngers, what's the next step for teacher. Hoping to keep her in that position but there are lot of contractual things that we need to do to get a go ahead from HR. Choice schools have some say in transfers etc. within our contract. Our intent is to hopefully have Ms. Stanley continue with us. Should have more information to share about that at the end of April. Staggered start for Kinder and 1st is also part of contract. So, we have to work out how we do it next year. More information to come once we know more. Field trip coming up to Opera. Substitute for Ms. Payette will be Ms. Christina Watillo to finish the school year. Families have questions about who will cover for Fall 2024. Contractually, we need to figure out how the process will work. We should know what to expect before summer break.

Teachers' Report: Erin Subcleff: No new updates. Students are excited about Friday Specials starting after break. Jaclyn asked about headphones, pricing. Ms. Subcleff said the older ones that are falling apart and we need to figure out if we want to buy for the classroom or if parents want to buy for their own kid. For now, we are ok. Ms. Subcleff would like to figure out what to do for next year.

Katherine asked if there was a lice outbreak in the past related to headphones. Ms. Subcleff clarified that we don't share headsets – they are numbered and assigned to each child.

Water cost from Alissa that will be addressed via email.

Treasurers' Report: Lindall

One donation since last meeting.

Checking: \$14389.22

Savings \$12567.96

Paypal: around \$300 in the process of getting transferred to checking.

Learning journey leads (via Jaclyn): Changed line item, can we use transportation line item for Opera since we are not using bus.

Lindall said consult with Ramya. Danya said we cannot reassign funds but we can have learning journey coordinators ask for a certain amount that we can vote to say yes for parking/gas for this trip. Jaclyn will check to get some estimates

Jaclyn: Room reps are asking for \$50-60 for Ms. Payette's shower celebrations and if that can come out of their budget or if additional funds need to be assigned. Danya stated that they can use room reps budget.

Friday Specials: Kara – Need to have a plan for all students (olders come in earlier from recess) to come in at the same time so that they do not touch the things set up for the tracks. Ms. Subcleff offered to stay out with the olders until it's time for tracks to start to prevent any issues. Kara will communicate to make sure kids don't migrate between tracks. All the sessions are planned and good to go. All parents and track leaders will get the list. Flag football will take place in the grassy area by the portable. Hopefully we get enough volunteers to support Luis.

Community Building: Teacher appreciation coming up May 6th-10th. DCS camp is on track (via Jen). Farewell gifts for families that are departing. New family coordinator to connect new families with current families per master checklist. Need to check in with about whether that's something we want to do. Ms. Subcleff requested that this process would be helpful to new families, especially those that join midyear.

PTSA : The scoop has the dates for upcoming events.

Walk on Topics:

Jaclyn brought up a parent's suggest about tiered donation system for Bronze, Silver, Gold. Briefly discussed idea but agreed that it might not be a suitable for our community.

Next meeting is April 18th. Aditi is running for co-chair, Phoebe for secretary, Puneet for treasurer. Some DCS parents are at a community concert at JHS on the same day (6-7pm). Danya suggested having voting around 7:30 to have parents come in or log in to zoom for voting.

Masterchecklist for April reviewed.

Opera Field Trip: Jaclyn researched cost for DCS opera trip and made motion to approved \$300 to go towards parking expenses. Kiran seconded motion and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.