



Discovery Community School
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DCS Steering Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021
Location: Zoom

7pm

Principal's Report – Erin Bowser

- Working on a joint vision statement for DCS/Sandburg to define what we want for kids and what we want to be. Not asking that one school be like the other. 'How' they are achieved may be different. There will be opportunities to provide input in January virtually and in survey form. Also have students from DCS and Sandburg providing input (5th grade leaders).
- Moving toward having volunteers in school in more capacity
- Erin B to follow-up with Kristen H about school roster
- Anticipate the common room being available for Winter Event
- Lunch table issue: discussions amongst staff for kids to help clean on their own, some student leaders volunteering to help clean. Parent volunteers are possible and it is in the works to determine how to volunteer.

Teacher's Report – Diane Jewell

Learning Celebration was fun, if a little different. It was a great event for the students. First Discovery Time today. The students LOVED it. It was nice to see the younger students interacting with the older students. Question regarding past years when teachers did PowerPoints for each classroom, it was a nice way to hear about what is going on in other classrooms. Glimpse into the day of what each class is doing. Diane will ask Julia and Erin about putting something together.

Community Building – Sophie Truman

Winter Event will be in March. Unknown at this point re: will be inside or outside. We have a volunteer for the art portion, still looking for someone to run skits. January – we will have to make some hard choices on how Winter Event is going to look to avoid constantly pivoting. Discussion on “allowed” vs “what we can do” and keeping things simple. Also mentioned doing a community event off-site, such as tubing or skating. Probably no food. Discussed also moving the event to the Spring so it can be outside.

Possibilities: art outside under the covered basketball area. PA (sound and music) outside – we need to figure out performances, what that would look like (stage, set-up, etc). David Noor may be able to help with sound and visuals.

Priority is building community in the safest way possible. Assume outside and distanced/masked. Keeping in mind remaining equitable in terms of travel to an off-site event, bowling, etc.

Loose plan: outside, with a power point (David Noor) of artwork, possibility of doing skits outside. Tabled to January to. Susan Grimm will look in to renting the art boards if we decide to push the date out.

Treasurer's Report – Jason Ahlf

Checking \$14,196.23, Savings \$14,970.45. 43% of pledges in so far. Call out for those that haven't submitted donations will go after the holidays. Please continue to submit for reimbursements as soon as you are able. Jason is using BECU to send reimbursement checks directly to community members.

Spring Camp – Barb

We're booked for the 3rd weekend in May 20-22, 2022. Historically this is a weekend event, however this leads to issues regarding asking about vaccination mandates, etc. There is a possibility of making of making it a one day "Field day" event vs. overnight accommodations. Chris Barrows will ask Camp Indianola about reducing nights, doing to-go style food, etc. Discussion will resume in January.

Master Checklist – Dyana

Dec 12: Sandburg/DSC "Snow Much Fun" Event, 1-3pm

Dec 20-31: Winter Break

Jan 3: Back to School after Winter Break

6 LWSD PTSA Council Meeting 7pm-8:30pm LWSD Resource Center Redmond

6 DCS Steering Meeting

17 Martin Luther King JR Day NO SCHOOL

20 DCS Community Meeting (Speaker)

25, 27, 28 Conferences Half-day, 12pm Dismissal

25-28 Staff Appreciation Lunches

Upcoming Board Work: prepare for Co-chair elections, Treasurers to prepare 1099-MISC for contractors and January reports, Staff Appreciation Coordinator prepares for Staff Appreciation the last week of January.

Friday Specials

Barb will touch base with them for any updates.

Volunteer Update - Susan Grimm

We currently have three to four volunteers for Winter Event. Looking forward to planning for next year, including putting together information for officer positions. Barb and Chris recruiting for help with running elections for next year's officers. We need a Co-chair, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, etc. Each officer will put together a small paragraph.

Teachers and Staff leave the meeting so Steering can discuss holiday gifts. Dyana: donations have been coming in, the community is being very generous. Last day for contributions is tomorrow, December 3rd.

Chris Barrows moves to adjourn meeting 7:46pm. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned 12/4/21
7:47pm