



Discovery Community School
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DCS Community Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022
Location: Zoom

Presiding: Chris Barrows

Minutes: Erin Moreland

Opening – 6:32 pm

Welcome - Chris Barrows

Spring camp update - talking about doing a day camp this year at Camp Indianola (Saturday May 21) with the option to camp on site (but not in cabins). Deposit was put down two years ago prior to the pandemic. The added cost will be determined by the number of meals the facility provides. Two meals (Saturday lunch and dinner) would be an additional \$1500. No additional cost for one meal. Mary asks about breakfast for folks who want to camp. Will need to start organizing and polling families to gauge interest for the weekend. Per family cost is typically broken down by meals families plan to be present for.

Principal Report - Erin Bowser

Staff has started discussing Learning Journeys for this spring--looks like they are likely to be approved by the district. More info will be coming. Will request driver info on a trip by trip basis. Use of indoor space is approved for 1-2 Friday Specials tracks. Looking at local outdoor ed for 5th graders this year, possibly to include an overnight. (June 6-10 with possible overnight on the 9th.)

Teachers Report - Diane

Today is Ms Bowser's Birthday and 100th day of school. Discovery time is going well and kids enjoy it. Saving art for the Event. Valentine's Day celebrations on Monday for all classes. No big parties, but they will be celebrating.

Treasurers' Report - Jason/Danya

Checking: \$16,200.97 Savings: \$15,970.99

Reminder to make an annual donation \$250/child - sign into <https://dcs.ourschoolpages.com/Home> and select the "donate now" button in the side panel. Approximately 30% of donations have come in. They'll start reminding folks by email. If you need to request a hardship exception, email the DCS treasurers (treasurer@dcscg.org). Treasurers will be bringing the budget to the next meeting for approval.

Key upcoming dates - Erin

Feb 17-18	Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
Feb 21	President's Day NO SCHOOL
Feb 25	Friday Specials Begin
March 3	LWSD PTSA Council Meeting 9:45am-11:15am LWSD Resource Center Redmond
March 3	DCS Steering Meeting
March 4	Friday Specials
March 11	LEAP Day NO SCHOOL
March 17	DCS Community Meeting 6:30pm
March 18	Friday Specials

Volunteer Update - Susan

Spring camp is on -will send out a call for volunteers to help with planning.

Another role that will need to be filled is planning the summer bbq (reserve the shelter in March, potluck and securing burgers/veggie burgers & cooking burgers). Susan has details. She'll send out an email to those in existing roles to see if they want to remain in their role, then send out available volunteer roles to be filled.

Friday Specials - Mary

Friday Specials will begin on Feb 25. There are four tracks:

- Art in Nature
- Catapults
- Paper Fashion
- Photography

Photography needs leads - they have cameras just need leads and support folks. Can pay a professional if anyone knows anyone. Reach out to Kristen if you're interested or know someone.

Pitching tracks next week

Community Building - Sophie/Shweta

The Event is planned for April 30 @ 3:00pm. Looking into renting sound equipment - David Noor is doing sound and volunteers have been identified to mount the art, teachers are saving art. If the photography

track works out those would be a great addition. 5th graders will MC, but we need someone to help corral the 5th graders and help with rehearsals. Not planning on having food due to covid concerns but will consider some options here.

Land Acknowledgement discussion - Sophie

Sophie presented a few slides on Land Acknowledgement to address questions she's received from people after the Steering Meeting. These are attached to the minutes and include the City of Kirkland's Land Acknowledgement as an example as well as the importance to indigenous people (from the Duwamish Tribe).

Destiny proposed a motion that an agreed upon land acknowledgement opens each official DCS community event. This was followed by a discussion about how to avoid it becoming preformative and ensure we work it into other actions (education, paying reparations, learning journeys to bring more education to the kids, etc). Mary moved to amend the motion to charge activities committees (Learning Journeys, Community Building, Friday Specials) to collaborate to ensure there is at least one opportunity each year for students in all classes to expand their knowledge of indigenous people.

Motion to amend motion passes with no nays.

Discussion on motion to open all DCS events with a land acknowledgement and incorporate indigenous education into community lead events. Question: What does time immemorial mean? Answer: so long ago you can't remember.

Motion passes with no nays.

New Business / Walk on Topics

No walk on topics.

adjourned at 7:43pm