



Discovery Community School
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DCS Community Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022
Location: Zoom

Presiding: Chris Barrows

Minutes: Erin Moreland

Opening – 6:32 pm

Welcome - Chris Barrows

Started meeting with land acknowledgement. Call for anyone interested in the secretary role - you don't need experience, two year role.

Principal Report - Erin Bowser

Camp Sealth for Olders and Sanburg 5th graders: kids will find out who their cabin mates will be on March 28. Some kids might want to have some sleepovers to get used to the idea prior to going to camp. Might be more of an adjustment after 2 years of reduced contact with others.

Teachers Report and slide shows - Diane

Each teacher presented a slideshow to share what's going on in their classes. The presentation can be viewed here:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/OcGwFyLSg-xhezr4rr9s-rY37S19US7px80_lhU-mWI_dm9d5YKin0TPTBKEN1z4.Oe9c_6-sE1qe5AZZ

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Diane became a grandma on March 11, and has been taking some time off.

Olders need volunteers 9:50-10:40 MTRF - contact Ms Subcleff if you have interest and availability.

Chaperones have been arranged for Camp Sealth - 2 male and 1 female

Treasurers' Report - budget presentation - Jason/Danya

Jason presented the budget plan for this year and next year. We'll review the details and then the community will vote to approve the budget for next year. We can always make adjustments throughout the year.

Goal is to have ½ yr budget left over each year. We're looking at \$25k this year which is a little high. We'll try to spend down throughout the year - assuming we get back to a normal spending routine as well as some anticipated increased costs.

Raised the spending next year \$10k to help spend down our surplus.

The Steering Committee recommends the following adjustments to the budget for next year:

\$1000 Increased hardship allowance for outdoor camp

\$500 increase in bus transportation for each class

\$500 increase for graduation party and new family gifts

\$500 moving up ceremony

\$100 increase for swim event (pool rental increase)

\$25 increase to rootbeer social

Transferring \$4k surplus to teacher education since they haven't been able to attend the last couple of years

\$200 increase to cost of insurance

\$750 increase to cover contributions of fresh fruit to Pantry Packs

\$250 to community outreach

\$250 to community building

\$450 community speaker

- Chris moves to approve the budget, Jason seconds. Motion passes with unanimous vote of 28 members (a quorum)

Spring Camp update and subsidy request - Chris

May 21 - typically two overnights in cabins at camp Indianola. This trip is subsidized by the community but families pay based on their participation. This year due to covid, Saturday only, noon -8pm, tent camp options on either end. Total cost is around \$4400-\$4500 depending on how many people attend. Requesting approval of \$1500 to subsidize the full cost so it's free for all families. This is a way to put some of our surplus back into the community.

- Chris motions to approve that the community fully subsidize Spring Camp (\$1500), Barb seconds, passes unanimously (28 members)
- Chris motions an additional hardship allocation for ferry fees (\$300), Barb seconds, passes unanimously (28 members)

Discussion to vote on some pot of money to support camp Sealth and gear for students (gear swap)

- Chris motions to allocate \$500, Barb seconds, passes unanimously

Some discussion about whether to continue with Camp Indianola or try something new. Share ideas with Chris. We will need to make that decision in April (prior to needing to put down a deposit at camp indianola).

Key upcoming dates - Erin

April

4-8 Spring Break NO SCHOOL

11-14 Camp Sealth Outdoor Ed

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

14 DCS Steering Meeting 6:30pm

28 DCS Community Meeting (Elections) 6:30pm

30 The EVENT (3:00 pm)

Volunteer Update - Susan

Confirm roles and provide openings for next year.

Friday Specials - Kristin

Winter Friday Specials - tomorrow is the last day - could use more volunteers if you're available around 2:30 and have completed district volunteer approval, please join us!

Spring Friday Specials: April 22, April 29, May 13, May 20 (2:30-3:40)

Orienteering, Agility, Portrait Drawing, and a 4th tbd

Call for volunteers will come out soon

Looking for someone to help run Friday Specials next year.

Erin Bowser - call for parent drivers for Orienteering tract. Need 6-8 drivers

Community Building - Sophie

The EVENT: April 30 at 3:00 pm

The sound system has been evaluated and looks like it will work. Will switch out some cables and the cart. Volunteers needed:

- We need a point person on planning the talent show along with two helpers (paper work, to solicit acts, organize the kids)
- Also need volunteers to help point people.

Equity Icebreaker happened on March 7th - supporting children on the playground, talking about having parent volunteers to support kids on the playground. Reach out to Sophie if interested in helping. Erin Bowser will take this to their Equity Team as well.

End of year slideshow for departing families - discussion around having someone manage this (add it as a role to the volunteer list) Sanne recommends having it be a 4th grade family - they'll know the

families and siblings. Erin Subcleff: 9 fifth graders without sibs, and 2 4th grade families leaving. Sophie and Sanne will help get it going and Chris will help with putting the slideshow to music.

New Business / Walk on Topics

No walk on topics.

adjourned at 8:23pm