



**Discovery Community School**  
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**DCS Community Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2022**  
**Location: Zoom**

Presiding: Chris Barrows

Minutes: Erin Moreland

*Opening – 6:35pm*

#### **Welcome - Chris Barrows**

Chris opens with the DCS Land Acknowledgment. Spring Camp is on track for Saturday. Need a volunteer who is camping Saturday night to take responsibility for putting out the campfire (otherwise he'll have to put it out at 4:30 when he leaves). Email Chris if you can do that. Barb expressed appreciation to Chris for his steady leadership through the pandemic.

#### **Principal Report - Erin Bowser**

Ms Bowser enjoyed seeing so many Olders in the school play and loved seeing the community come together. Olders and 3rd graders are in the midst of SBA testing. They are being thoughtful and taking their time. Thank you to parents for having them ready. Ms Bowser expressed thanks and appreciation to Chris for helping her and Ms. Kusunose come into the community, supporting new leadership at the school as they got settled in and learned about DCS, as well as your leadership through the past two years.

To our departing families: Sorry for the lack of opportunity to know each other in the normal DCS way and wish you the best in your next journey. Looking forward to getting to know families who are still around next year in (hopefully) more typical interactions. Thank you to a supportive community of our students, school and staff.

#### **Teachers Report - Diane**

Diane has recently had parent volunteers in the Youngers classroom which was wonderful. The staff have selected a date for the end of year picnic: Tuesday, June 14, 12:30 -2:00 on campus, on the north side of

the building in the grassy area. There will be games and events, they'll eat their packed lunches from home, play games, and celebrate the year. Look for an email with details.

**Treasurers' Report - Jason/Danya**

\$14,190.07 in checking

\$15,971.73 in savings

Approximately 83% donations have come in, approx 9 students outstanding that Jason will be reaching out to.

**Key upcoming dates - Erin**

May

- 21 DCS Spring Camp
- 27 LEAP Day NO SCHOOL
- 30 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- 31 Full School Day (Snow Make Up)

June

- 2 LWSD PTSA Council Meeting 9:45am-11:15am
- 2 DCS Steering Meeting 6:30pm
- 12 DCS Older's Celebration
- 14 DCS School Picnic
- 16 Moving Up Ceremony
- 17 Last Day of School Half-day 12pm Dismissal

Summer

- July 27 Picnic at O.O. Denny Park (3-9)
- August 28 Pool Party at Peter Kirk Pool

**Volunteer Update - Susan**

Need two volunteers for this year: one to work with Alissa to help with the moving up ceremony (typically a 4th grade family) and someone to put the fire out this Saturday night at Camp Indianola.

Volunteer needs for next year include: an additional room rep for olders, co chairs for Community Building, Winter Event (art, stage manager), Friday Specials, Staff Appreciation, Moving Up Party Coordinator, Fundraising coordinator to work with Susan, photographer for Olders, Memory Book (helping to put together a picture book/year book) hospitality coordinator (to bring coffee to in person meetings). Susan will keep sending out the list to folks to consider and select a role for next year.

**Friday Specials - Kristin**

One more day left! Weather looks good for the last day. Thank you to the community for stepping up with volunteering for Friday Specials. Thanks to Mary Oemig and the teachers for helping her navigate the process.

### **Community Building - Sophie**

Reviewed the need for support for maintenance at the Natural Playground. Requesting funds for materials from an existing fund for school improvements. The repairs would need to be coordinated with the LWSD. Unsure of how that would work but need folks to spearhead it. Erin Bowser: this would be a community project, there's an application process for this with the process laid out. It also involves a meeting with the facilities department. Ms. Bowser will look to see how it was done originally and if it can be done with standard maintenance. She and Sophie will discuss and figure out the path.

Delivered departing family gifts over the weekend. Thanks to everyone who supported that effort.

Picnic and pool events (July 27 & Aug 28) are planned for the summer. New families should be included. Katherine: received the new family list last week. Welcome emails will go out soon. Can't be updated in the roster until July, so she's forwarding community emails to the new families until they are integrated into the list.

### **New Business / Walk on Topics**

Mary wants to ensure we get supplies out of people's garages and into the sched. Ms. Bowser and Chris have gone through some of this and there's room to add bins and consolidate.

### **Departing Families - Chris**

Chris read the departing Families 2022 speech and presented the following slide show:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17HFRWldmy3YpSmPEzRn1ofZjmNSnDA0r/view?usp=sharing>



We will miss you! Departing families have the option to remain on the community email list and participate in community events. We hope you do!

*Motion to adjourn, seconded. Adjourned at 7:28pm*