



Discovery Community School
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DCS Steering Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2022
Location: Danya Kelberg's home

Presiding: Barb Boyd

Minutes: Erin Moreland

Opening: 7:07 pm

Barb opened the meeting with Introductions and Kristen read the land acknowledgement.

Only first and last meetings will be in person, all others will be virtual. Danya is planning some quarterly gatherings to build connections between board members.

We will practice IT setup for hybrid community meetings before the Ice Cream Social event tomorrow night at 5:30 in the library. If we can get it figured out and working well, we'll plan to offer community meetings in a hybrid format. Secretary (Erin Moreland and Mary Ruddy) will plan to be at these meetings to help manage the hybrid format.

Principal's Report – Erin Bowser

During the teacher prep week teachers have been spending time together to come up with a single vision: **Achieve, Belong, Connect. Let Sanburg/DCS be your guide.** Adhering to that as a staff as well. Encourage the PTSA to align with this vision. Use it to help make decisions about events and actions: "how does this support or detract from this vision?"

Parent Square is a new district communication platform. One important feature is that the messages will go out in the families home language as indicated on the district paperwork. This platform also allows for direct teacher - parent messaging.

Anticipate having volunteers in the classrooms. Vaccinations are required for in school volunteer work. Those who are not vaccinated can still volunteer remotely. Booster is not required at this point. Show vaccination card in the front office.

Some changes to drop off and pickup: both loops will be used. DCS will use the teacher lot. Buses will use the pull outs by the natural playground.

Lunch will be indoors only. If things change they'll open up outdoor seating again. Still okay if families want to take their kids home for lunch.

Load your students account up on MySchoolBucks - easier for the process than paying in cash in person.

September 23 is picture day.

DCS recess on Wednesdays, all school morning recess at the natural playground.

Teacher's Report – Diane Jewell

Teachers are excited to get back to normal and busy setting up their rooms. They've received a ton of help from parents. New Parent Square platform is getting set up. They're going to ease into in person volunteering. Erin Bowser will include details on how to sign up to volunteer and check to see if your volunteer clearance with the district. All comms will come through Parent Square. This is a more equitable approach to communication. This platform serves all school-out communications, and parent to teacher communication, but no family to family/class communication.

Teachers are buying all supplies from the classroom line items rather than having families bring supplies in. This is more efficient and economical and will most likely require a bump to the classroom fund in March.

No curriculum night planned. Instead there will be a teacher slide show at the Nov and March community meetings - these will cover curriculum.

Treasurer's Report – Ramya

Jason is not here, we don't have the balances. Available funds: \$25,478.14

Still need to get Ramya on (and Danya back on) the bank account.

Planning to put together a list of passive fundraising for the community.

Barb will mention company matching at the community meeting tomorrow. Email will go out with details.

Community Building – Jaclyn

Social gathering planned for Jaclyn's on the 9th, ice cream social tomorrow. Planning for siblings.

Need volunteers to set up chairs tomorrow.

Start planning Fall Event (29th Oct) totally open - has been game night, pumpkin carving, carnival - can be anything.

Volunteer Update – Susan

Still need some volunteers. In pretty good shape for the start of the year. Susan will talk about open positions at tomorrow's meeting. Volunteering can no longer be required but families are still encouraged to log hours for grant applications, or matching funds, but also volunteering is where people connect and the community foundation is built.

Community hour logging through ourschoolpages - needs debugging (php and mysql) Might need to start with google sheets.

Email list is also broken - needs to be manually updated.

Alias to update: co-chair, secretary, treasurer, community, Friday special, new family coordinator, volunteer coordinator

Classroom lists are updated (olders updated last night)

Friday Specials - Kristen

Kristen is now running Friday Specials - all dates are set (4-3-4 week sessions, fall, winter, spring) She'll email me dates.

Oct 7 will be the first - she'll start asking for volunteers. All on site, mix both inside and outdoor tracks each season. Kristin will give a general overview tomorrow.

Tons of supplies in the storage container - don't buy anything! Need a crew of people to go through and inventory and consider donating to an underfunded school.

All dates set:

FALL

4 weeks

Oct 7

Oct 14

Oct 28

Nov 4

WINTER

3 weeks

Jan 20

Feb 3

Feb 10

SPRING

4 weeks

April 21

April 28

May 5

May 12

PTSA Update – Barb

Barb met with Serenity and Carly from PTSA. they'll be sending out a membership pitch in back to school paperwork. Aditi will be at the table tomorrow. Lindal (sp?) is the DCS liaison.

Events that are being planned through PTSA and lots of volunteer needs (fun run, lunch help)

Master Checklist – Erin

Reviewed summer checklist and september dates:

- 1 DCS Meet and Greet/Root Beer Social
1st Community meeting (6-8pm Commons)
- 5 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 6 First Day of School 1-5
- 6-8 LWSD Kindergarten Family Connections
- 9 First day of Kindergarten
- 14 Early Release Wednesdays Begin
- 9 PTSA Coffee for First Day of Kindergarten
DCS Curriculum Night - canceled
- 11 new family orientation (Kirkland library, 4:00)
- 23 picture day

Walkon Topics

sprinkled throughout the meeting.

Adjourned: 9:33 pm