



Discovery Community School

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DCS Community Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 2022

Location: In-Person, DCS/Sandburg Commons

Presiding: Barb Boyd

Minutes: Mary Ruddy

Opening: 6:36 pm

Barb Boyd welcomes the new and returning families back to DCS and invites the DCS staff on stage to share a quick Welcome skit.

Teacher skit: The teachers love corn hole so much they decide to play even though there's a teacher's meeting. They only decide to stop playing when they realize all of our DCS kids have returned and are waiting for them! The teachers introduce the new DCS/Sandburg Vision Statement, "Achieve, Belong and Connect."

Introductions of teachers and staff by Principal Bowser

- Ms. Jewell, Youngers teacher
- Ms. Stroup, Middles Teacher
- Mrs. Subcleff, Olders Teacher
- Ms. Osborne, DCS Front Office Administrator
- Ms. Kusonose, Associate Principal
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Welcome – Barb

Land Acknowledgement read for the community. Last spring the community voted and approved to start out meetings with the Land Acknowledgment, each meeting we will have a parent volunteer read this.

Principal's Report – Erin Bowser

Not a lot to report yet since school hasn't started. [Principal Bowser acknowledges new families in the group and welcomes them]. A few changes for the upcoming year...

- Pick up/Drop off locations: New DCS pick up/drop off location will now be where the buses previously dropped off in front of DCS. Bus riders will now be dropped off along 82nd street by the natural playground. Kids will line-up at basketball courts at the end of the day.
- Lunches will all be taking place indoors in the Commons. If requirements or recommendations happen, we will then make changes.
- Students will now have an All DCS recess on the natural playground every Wednesday!

The three different entities to be aware of- Barb Boyd

1. The Discovery Community School is the district school, teachers and staff are district employees.
2. By your student attending DCS, parents/guardian automatically become a part of the Community Group of Discovery Community School, a non-profit 503c organization that manages the money and plans “the fun stuff” (Learning Journeys, Friday Specials, Fall Event, Winter Event).
3. There is also the Sandburg PTSA that is the PTSA for the entire campus. This PTSA was formed in the 1970s before DCS was even on this campus, but represents both Sandburg and DCS now. It is highly recommended that you join this PTSA, and need to pay a small membership fee and fill out a membership application that will be in the back-to-school paperwork. There are many volunteer opportunities through PTSA and great to have DCS parents apart of this.

Introduction of 2022 Community Group of Discovery Community School board members:

- o Barb- President/Co-Chair
- o Danya- Vice President Co-Chair
- o Jason and Ramya (Treasurers)
- o Erin and Mary (Secretaries)
- Board helps to utilize the \$250/child annual tax deductible pledge donation that allows our students to do learning journeys, Friday specials, and all other events throughout the year.

You will get a lot of different communications from these groups throughout the year and it can be confusing sometimes so please check in with us for clarification, if needed.

PTSA has some events coming up that they are looking for volunteers

- Walk to school morning- Oct
- PTSA Fundraiser, Fun Run- Oct

DCS also has a lot of opportunities and needs for volunteers. Previously there was a 65-hour requirement for volunteer hours/family but we really just want families to be engaged in our community. Our school thrives when the families are engaged by volunteering, attending events/meeting.

Susan Grimm and Katherine Allshouse are the Volunteer Coordinators and are looking for volunteer to fill roles.

Volunteer Update– Susan

Upcoming volunteer roles we need filled for the year:

- Room rep for Olders
- Community building coordinator
- Fall event coordinator
- Winter Event help (Feb/March) timeframe- talent show
- Hospitality Coordinator to provide refreshments at each community meeting
- Hybrid meeting coordinator: assists with video setup for our hybrid community meetings and moderate for the virtual attendees

There is a list of all volunteer needs that Susan and Katherine have.

Angela Weir: We have a New Family Orientation scheduled for Sunday, September 11th at 4pm at the Kirkland Library, we hope all of our new families can attend. Many details will be explained.

Friday Specials – Kristin Houston

Friday Specials are a series of Friday afternoons where parents come in and lead activities for our students. A Lot of fun things like photography, Legos, sports, etc.

I will be sending an email out soon to get help for our upcoming tracks starting in October.

It's a wonderful way to get to know the students since they are mixed age tracks and a great way for new families to meet other families.

Community Question: Is Free Sit Friday coming back for this year? Students can choose anyone in the school to sit with at lunch.

Ms. Kusunose says that the students will learn about Free-Sit Friday in Oct.

Adjourned: 7:00 pm