



**Discovery Community School**  
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### **DCS Community Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 16, 2024

**Location:** Sandburg/DCS Library (In Person Only)

*Presiding: Danya Kelberg & Jaclyn Senekerimyan*

*Minutes: Robin Desilet*

*Opening: 7:03pm*

### **Welcome / Announcements - Danya**

Thank you for coming to the last meeting of the 23-24 school year. We will be saying goodbye to families that are graduating.

### **Principal's Report – Ms. Bowser & Ms. Kusunose**

- We want to thank you for everything done during Teacher Appreciation week.
- Lately some of the accessible parking spaces are being used by those who do not have permits. It makes it very challenging for those who need to use those spots. Please help us by not using these parking spaces unless you have a permit.
- As the weather gets nicer, more people are walking to campus. Please be sure to turn off your engine while you are waiting to help keep the air clean.
- Olders have been doing a great job and working really hard on their SBA test. It is not a timed test. Thank you to all of you who have made sure your kids are prepared and ready to test.
- Looking forward to the play (Space Pirates) this weekend.
- There have been a lot of questions about staffing. Ms. Watillo and Ms. Stanley have both been great additions to the staff this year. We are still working with the district to confirm if we have to post the positions or if we can have them just stay with us. Ms. Payette is going to be out all of next year. Since it is a leave replacement position, and more than a semester long, we typically have to post those positions. If we have to post the position, we will hire the most qualified applicant.
- There are still a lot of questions about Outdoor Education. Tonight the focus is really about celebrating our families that are leaving our community. There will be an opportunity to discuss those concerns but tonight is not the right venue.

### **Teacher Report – Ms. Subcleff**

- The teachers felt very appreciated and loved during Teacher Appreciation week.
- All of the Learning Journeys and Friday Specials have been great this year. Thank you

for making this such a great place for kids.

## Treasurer's Report – Ramya / Lindall

### Current Balances

DCS Treasury report:

- Savings: \$12,693
- Checking: \$18,937
- PayPal: \$1,233

### DCS Dues

DCS Dues for the 2023/2024 school year are due now. We really need to close the books so we need all donations made by the 31st of the month. If you are unable to pay your dues, please request a hardship allowance. Dues are \$250 per kid per year. Emails will be sent out if you have not paid your dues. So far, 78% of dues have been paid.

### DCS Reimbursements

All DCS Reimbursements need to be submitted by May 31st (there are some exceptions). If you have been holding onto receipts (example: Learning Journeys), please get them submitted by May 31st. One of the exceptions is those who are fronting costs for graduation. Also, if you are doing something for family camp, please be timely about getting receipts submitted. Danya will bring reimbursement forms to camp. The absolute drop-dead date is June 15th.

To submit a reimbursement fill out the [Reimbursement Request form](#) and submit a picture of the receipt(s) and send it to the Treasures ([treasurer@dcscg.org](mailto:treasurer@dcscg.org)).

## Reminders/Upcoming Events/Save-the-dates - Danya & Jaclyn

### Volunteer Roles

This coming year (starting summer), all of our main lead volunteer roles are in [Sign-up Genius](#). This is not all volunteer roles, but the main roles. It is helpful so everyone knows who is doing which role and what jobs are out there that need to be filled. We did tweak a few of the jobs to better fit the needs. For example, we removed photographer since everyone has an iphone. The job description is under the name of each role. A full description can be found on the [DCS Our School Pages website](#).

### School Play

Come join us on May 17th at 7pm or May 18th at 2pm or 7pm to see our kids perform. Tickets are \$7 and can be [purchased online](#) or at the door. The play is about 1 hour long.

### Herbicide Free Weeding

Herbicide free weeding will be on May 19th from 10am-12pm. More information can be found at: <https://sandburgdcsptsa.org/event/herbicide-free-weeding-event-4/>

### Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night will be May 30th from 6:30-8:00pm. A flyer with more information will be coming home with your kids and more information is available in the PTSA Scoop. Please [volunteer](#) if you are able.

### Field Day

Field day will be Friday, June 14 and the 5th grade students will be running it. Parent volunteers are also needed. More information coming soon from PTSA or the school.

### End of Year Picnic

It will be on June 17th on campus and is only for DCS. Kids need to bring their own picnic lunches from home. More information will come from Room Parents and/or Teachers.

### 5th Grade Moving Up/Last Day of School

The 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony is on June 20th and more information is coming soon.

The last day of school is June 21st and it's a half day. Also, there is no school on June 19th but there will be a DCS gathering at O.O. Denny Park that afternoon.

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

PTSA would like to personally thank our wonderful volunteers on Wed., May 29th. Stop by the Sandburg Commons for coffee and breakfast after morning drop off (8:40-10am).

### DCS Summer Events (Save the dates!)

- **Pool Party:** Summer DCS Family Swim, July 13th 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Peter Kirk Pool.
- **Summer Picnic:** DCS Family Picnic, August 19th, 2024, 4pm - 8pm, OO Denny Park.
  - Note: We are trying to move this event to a Monday because O.O. Denny Park gets really crowded. Steering brought up the idea of moving it to a new location where everyone could be closer together. There were no concerns voiced about moving it to a new location.
- **Ice Cream Social:** DCS Ice-Cream Social/Community Meeting, August 29th 6pm (time may be adjusted), Sandburg/DCS Commons Area.
  - Note: We need to more clearly communicate to new families that this is also the classroom visit, as there has been some confusion in the past.

## DCS Family Camp - Camp Indianola - Jenn

DCS Spring Family Camp is May 31st to June 2nd. There is a mandatory camp volunteer sign-up coming in May. We need everyone to pitch in to make camp a success. It is especially important this year as we are cooking our own food. On Friday, 3pm is the earliest that families can check-in. Camp is a lot of fun and we all have a really great time. If you have questions, email Jenn- (jennbotts@gmail.com).

### Camp Questions:

1. Q: How are cabin assignments given?
  - a. A: Jenn is working on cabin assignments. She tries to take any requests into consideration. Usually you know who you will bunk with ahead of time and if you sign up for a cabin, you will get a cabin spot (you won't be moved to a tent). A packing list will also be sent out.
2. Q: If you signed up for tent camping and it rains, can you switch to a cabin?
  - a. A: Based on the number of people who signed up, we reserved a specific number of cabins, so it would not be possible to switch.

### Walk on Topics (All)

The 5th grader's end of year event is going to SkyZone on June 13th. The jump pass is not going to be bought until the night before so kids will have 30 days to continue using it. They will have lunch at the event and should be back to school by 2/2:30pm. All 5th grade parents need to complete multiple waivers/permission slips.

If any graduating students are going to a choice school next year, Ms. Measham will bring them some information about the school but they will not be touring them. Please reach out to the choice school directly to request a tour.

Ms. Watillo was formally introduced by Ms. Bowser as the Middle's teacher.

### Departing Families Fairwell - Jaclyn

We watched a slideshow of all the departing DCS families. Flowers were given to all departing families to say thank you and give a token of our appreciation. The flowers represent the growth you have had through being a part of this community and represents the journey that is still ahead of you. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the DCS community.

*Adjourned 8:08pm*