



## Discovery Community School

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### DCS Community Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**Location:** Sandburg/DCS Library Hybrid

*Presiding: Jaclyn and Danya*

*Minutes: Phoebe*

*Opening: 7:05*

### Welcome and Announcements- Jaclyn/Aditi

- Reminder to sign up for conferences on ParentSquare

### Principal's Report – Bowser

- 7 open spaces for Kindergarten, over 100 apply
- Reminder to sign up for conferences on ParentSquare
- Conferences are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- This Spring Mrs. Long is doing a musical and is excited to try some different things.
  - Will be great opportunities for volunteer opportunities.
  - The actual performance won't be until the end of the year.
  - Parents will be able to watch.
- Spring Celebration will be after Spring break around Earth Day.
- Please tell families to register for Kindergarten- Lottery will take place March 7<sup>th</sup> and we should know by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Treasurer Report-Lindall/Puneet

#### Current Balances

Bank Statement-

Checking: \$20,607.46

Savings: \$13,354.40

Dues:

- 71 students- 49 have paid dues, 69 percent, please pay your dues
  - Kindergarten- 9 students
  - 1<sup>st</sup>- 8 students

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 7 students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -12 students
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 9 students
- 5<sup>th</sup>-4 students
- The company matching is not expired- if someone could verify that would be great.
- Our dues haven't been updated for many years.
- The thought that we wouldn't have to raise dues for 5 years, but we were spending more money than bringing in, Aditi did a lot of work on analysis (spreadsheet in slides) and put it down per student as well as major costs and miscellaneous costs.
- During Covid we had a surplus but the money has been going down.
- We have been burning down money instead of increasing dues because you can't have too much money sitting as a non-profit.
- We weren't doing as much in 2021.
- Per student we are spending significantly more- everything is getting more expensive.
- We are looking at a significant increase in dues instead of the incremental dues that we should have been doing.
- We are going to have to look at it again every year.
- Company matching will really help us from continuing from having to increase dues.
- Question- *Should we be increasing it more?* Response: worried about sticker shock
- These dues fall in line with the other choice schools- they are a little less but they don't have Kindergarten
- We're not looking at the current year, these from the past year. The top portion is based on actual money that came in and the bottom portion is based on money that went out- the overage was called by the surplus we used to have and we can't keep taking out of the surplus when we should have been increasing dues.
- The budget is based off of 100% of parents meeting their dues.
- How much do we cut before DCS isn't DCS anymore- ex. learning journeys, Friday Specials?
- Question: *When there is matching and extra donations where do they go?* Response: They go to overall everything. When we make the budget with a certain amount of matching as in the past
- Question: *Are we approving for the deficit for 24-25?* Response: No, it is for next year.
- Tonight we are raising the dues up to \$350 for next year.
- Question: *Do we have access to the budget for this year? Would be helpful context.* Response: We were predicting to be in the red. Looking at the numbers, it looks like everyone is paying their dues. Corporate matching should go up due to the dues increase (\$101-\$140)
- Motion for \$350
- Objection- *We were just under \$2000.* Response: we reduced a bunch of things, hardship, continuing ed. etc.. *Would be helpful to see.*
- 71 students which would raise roughly \$7000
- Since costs are going up, we expect the actuals to go up this year.

- Motion to raise dues to \$350. It was seconded. We took a vote. The motion passed (18 online +15 in person total).

## Community Building Chair- Jaclyn

- Winter event is coming up. It will be March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5 in the Commons.
- The kids do talents- papers sent up to sign up which are due February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Dress rehearsals are on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-5:30 on the stage in the commons.
- Art set up will be Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 in the gym.
- Will need help with food, raffle, etc. so please be ready to help.
- Sign up genius and an evite- please RSVP so that we know that we have enough food.
- Raffle tickets will be sold there. An email will be sent out about the raffle for basket donations. We will be asking a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to put together a basket together because this goes to next year outdoor ed.
- It's ok to do multiple talents.
- Link to YouTube or MP3 file for music is helpful as well as which 2 minutes of the song.

## Volunteer Updates-

- Three positions have been added for summer events-DCS Pool Party, DCS Picnic.
- Current person who has historically been planned will be booking this year and the person who volunteers now will be for next year.
- Changing location from O.O Denny to somewhere new- some consideration is parking and playground areas (Big Finn Hill? Rhododendron? St. Edwards?). Send an email if you have suggestions.

## DCS Board Roles- Jaclyn

- DCS Board Roles needed for 2025/2026 School Year:
  - Co-chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- DCS Community elections are during the April community meeting

## DCS Events- Jaclyn



### DCS Events

1/24, 2/7, 2/21- Winter Friday Specials  
1/28, 1/30, 1/31- Parent/ Teacher conferences (1/2 days)  
2/6- Steering Meeting  
2/20- Speaker  
2/27- Rehearsal for Winter Event  
2/28- Art Set up  
3/31- Winter Event  
5/30-6/1- DCS Family Camp

## Speaker- Jaclyn

- Dr. Katie Davis is going to talk about technology and our kids and platforms on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.

## PTSA (Updates)- Jaclyn



### PTSA Upcoming Events:

- January 28th, 30th, 31st- Teacher/ Staff Lunch
  - January 28-21st- Book Fair
  - February 1st- Lost and Found Donation
  - February/ March- Book Rodeo
  - February 21st- Diversity Night
  - March 13th- PTSA meeting
- Lost and Found Donation will be February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - PTSA is asking if anyone from DCS would like to join the PTSA Grant Committee.

## Walk on Topics (All)- Any DCS Community Member

- No walk on topics.

## Upcoming DCS Meetings- Jaclyn

*Adjourned: 8:04*