



Discovery Community School

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DCS Community Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2025

Location: Sandburg/DCS Commons (In Person Only)

Presiding: Jaclyn Senekerimyan & Aditi Jain

Minutes: Phoebe Greenman

Opening: 7:07 pm

Welcome: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Thank you to everyone who worked on the Winter Event!

Principal's Report: Ms. Bowser

- The winter event was wonderful!
- Studio East enrichment program was wonderful to see as well.
- Welcoming new members to community and saying bye to others.
- March is a very busy month. Reminder to remember the good things. Today is International Day of Happiness- reminder to pause, many things that are in our control and out of control.
- Dance week at the end of this month. There is a shift this year, they are going to learn how to breakdance this year! They really enjoyed the Massive Monkey's breakdancing and they are coming to teach our school. There will be a. There will be two assemblies (one for K-2 + youngers, 3-5 + middles and orders)- there will be a quick switch in-between and the Massive Monkey's will be doing a performance as well.
- More information about testing this Spring will be coming.
- Please don't park in the accessible parking spaces unless you have a visible pass that is hanging. If you do park there and don't have the appropriate signage the Kirkland police will be notified.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Subcleff

- The teachers are enjoying the time where different classes connect (Discovery time).
- Starting to plan Spring Earth Day party.

Treasurer's Report- Lindall/Puneet:

- Reimbursement Request Form: filled-out Form and receipt(s) go to Treasurers as soon as possible (at the latest April): treasurer@dcscg.org Form Link: <https://dcs.ourschoolpages.com/Doc/Restricted%20Docs/DCS%20Reimbursement%20Request.pdf>
 - March Statements: Same percentage from steering meeting: 54/71, 76% paid. 19/22- youngers, 21/24- middles, 14/25- olders
 - Budget review:
 - o Highlights different for next year
 - Increasing dues to \$350 per student- the budget was calculated for 72 students. We estimated our corporate matching would increase- already at \$9000 this year and estimating \$7000 next year.
 - We divided up line items that we didn't before and combined others. Because we're raising the dues, we didn't do a lot of change. We didn't try to cut a lot because of the due increase.
 - Spring Camp is estimated to cost the same- \$8400. We don't have the cost per family for Spring Camp yet.
 - Question: Why do we pay PayPal fees of \$360? Because there are fees taken we pay our dues. Since the dues are increasing so will the PayPal fees. Does PayPal have the box that says you can pay the fees? We will look into this. Will look into Zeffi instead.
 - Motion to approve budget (7:27)- Seconded. Votes: 30 votes yes.
- If you need a receipt from money minder regarding dues for tax purposes, please email Treasurers.

Community Building: Jaclyn and Aditi

- TONIGHT, DCS PNO at Plaza Garcia (after this meeting)!
- DCS Family Day Out (School Playdate)- April 27th, 1-3pm
- Spring Break: April 14-18th
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9th
- DCS Family Camp Weekend: May 30-June 1st
- DCS School Musical (Annie): June 6th
- Field Day: June 13th (this was initially for botanical gardens but we will change the date)
- 5th grade moving up ceremony: June 20th (Date Change)
- Last day of school: June 24th (Date Change)
- Summer Picnic: July 30th (Location Change: Finn Hill)- volunteer needed
- Pool Party: TBD- volunteer needed

Sandburg and DCS Plays Breakdown: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Winter Event:
 - o DCS Talent and art show (Was on March 1st)
- Enrichment PTSA Sandburg/ DCS Play (After School)
 - o Wonderland Musical (Alice)
 - o May 16th (7:00) and 17th (2:00 and 7:00)
 - o 4th and 5th graders (if they have open spots 3rd grade)
 - o Studio East
 - o <https://sites.google.com/view/spring-play-2025/>
- DCS School Play
 - o Annie
 - o Sandburg/DCS Music Teacher
 - o June 6 at 6:00pm

- All grades

Elections: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Elections are during the next community meeting in April.
 - 1st year Co-Chair- Kiran Neelarambam (Mom of Prajyoth Kumar-2nd grade)
 - 1st year Secretary- David Noor (Dad of Winter- Kinder and Benton 4th grade)
 - 1st year Treasurer- Tiana Herrod (Mom of Mason- Kinder)
- If anyone would like to put their name in the hat, Email the DCS Co-Chairs.

Volunteers Needed: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Summer Picnic Lead/Coordinator (July 30th)
- Pool Party Lead/ Coordinator (TBD)
- Volunteer Sign-Up Coming Out Soon for the 2025/2026 School year

Friday Specials this Spring: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Dates
 - April 25
 - May 2nd
 - May 9th
 - May 16th
- one track needed (badminton, drums, Minecraft, Annie will help with next track)

PTSA Events: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Dance Week: March 31-April 4 and Family Dance Night Friday: April 4th
 - K-2 and 3-5 + Middles Dance Performances for parents (April 4th- 1:00 for youngers, 2:05- Middles/olders). Sign up genius for dance week will be coming out.
- DCS Spring Celebration (Earth Day): April 22nd
- Book Rodeo: April 25th
- Sandburg/ DCS School Play (Wonderland/ Alice): May 16th and 17th
- PTSA Sandburg/DCS Yearbook: May 1st- and PTSA Sandburg Yearbooks VS DCS Memory Book (this is just for DCS). Older's parent, if you could submit more pictures that would be great. The memory books need to be ordered mid-May.
- PTSA is Looking for Lunch Recess Volunteers
- PTSA Looking for dads to join WATCH DOGS

All DCS Camps or Outdoor Ed Breakdown: Jaclyn and Aditi

- Olders 2-Day Outdoor Ed:
 - In September (Date TBD)
 - 4/5th grade parents pay
 - Winter Event - Fundraiser Raffle to help pay for the cost of Outdoor ED.
- DCS Family Camp/ Weekend
 - Family Camp
 - Families Pay
 - Weekend
 - Camp Indianola
- 5th grade (maybe 4th grade) Parent Lead Outdoor Ed
 - Parent Led (Not the school)
 - Parents are looking for a lead to coordinate next year camp.
 - Parents pay
 - If parents do not organize it will not happen. If you are interested, let Jaclyn know.

DCS Family Camp:

- May 30th - June 1st
- Camp Indianola on the Kitsap Peninsula
- 2 nights- Friday, May 30th- Sun, June 1st
- Take Edmonds ferry to get there
- Activities: playing on the beach, gaga ball, basketball, talent show, crafts, games, s'mores at the campfire
- Food: Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner. Sunday breakfast.
- Cost (per person ages 2 and up (day trip-30, 1 night- 60, 2 nights-90)
- Can bring your own tent
- Sign up April 12th-April 30th or until sold out
- Be sure you bring towels and soap
- Volunteers are needed
- Some people might leave early Friday to avoid the ferry line but please don't arrive before 3:00
- Disclaimers:
 - o no refunds after April 30th
 - o capacity of 80 in cabins per night
 - o gluten-free, vegetarian, dairy free, nut free meal options provided (they prepare the dietary restricted meal separately and serve it out the window)
 - o no dinner served Friday

Upcoming Community Meetings: Jaclyn

- April 24th - Board Elections (VOTE)
- May 15th - Departing Families - ONLY IN PERSON
 - o The last community Meeting of the year includes a slideshow of departing families. We may reach out to make sure everything is correct for it.

Adjourn: 8:03

Adjourned 6:50