



Discovery Community School

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DCS Community Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2024

Location: Sandburg/DCS Library Hybrid

Presiding: Jaclyn Senekerimyan, Aditi Jain

Minutes: Phoebe Greenman

Opening: 7:05

Welcome and Announcements- Jaclyn/Aditi

- Welcome

Principal's Report – Ms. O

- Learning Journey's
 - Please turn in all Learning Journey information- the goal is to have one family member per student approved to drive in order to make them a success.
 - If a student is sick, the teacher will coordinate drivers etc.
 - Carpools need to be turned into Sandburg office, no switching the day of the event.
 - Visiting family etc. that attend the learning journeys need to be approved volunteers as well.
 - We try not to make any changes to learning journeys within 72 hours.
 - If your volunteer status is expiring, they send you an email.
 - The treasurer will pay the vendor.
 - Friday Specials: Parents sign in and out at Sandburg office always, not through DCS door.
 - If you have any questions, please email Ms. O.

Curriculum Presentations – All Teachers

- Ms. Stanley
 - First graders are being leaders in the classroom- they have Kindergarten buddies.
 - First grade reading is focusing on reviewing (short vowels, blends), word work independent, different learning centers.
 - First grade is starting with Dreambox and Lexia.

- Kindergarten reading is focusing on learning how to start to be independent, phonics activities, mastering letters and sounds and putting the two together, and working on high frequency words.
- Kindergarten is started using computers slowly,
- First grade is working data/surveys, graphs and reading data in math.
- Kindergarten is working on using different manipulatives and using games to learn math.
- Each day there is time to read aloud. We are about to finish our 3rd read aloud. There is also reading independently and looking at library books on Wednesdays.
- Art is on Wednesdays. Some art will come home and some will be kept for Winter Event.
- In science we are learning about the life cycle of plants. We got to see pumpkin flowers at the pumpkin patch.
- We have an expectation Experts chart to help students learn school and classroom routines and expectations. Every time they demonstrate an expectation they get a smiley face. The students choose the four expectations that are working on at a time. They chose keep from erupting, listen and follow directions, we can stay on task and focused, have and quiet transitions.
- We are doing creative storytelling. Students create stories and present to the class, they make the characters and setting on Wednesdays.
- Design time includes free choice, Legos, and magnetiles.
- Swapping classes on Fridays there are not Friday specials for Discovery Time.
- For the Learning Celebration we students researching a question that they have.
- Ms. Watillo-
 - Reading- asking and answering questions, using part of the question in the answer, Lexia, Read to Self, Partner work
 - Math- 2nd (adding and subtracting on a number line, weekly fluency fact practice)
 - Math- 3rd beginning multiplication, DreamBox, challenge pages, math games
 - Writing -personal narrative, seed story, beginning, middle, and end
 - Art- Leaves, sunflowers, art every day (videos and teacher led)
 - Read Aloud- 15-20 minutes every day after lunch (currently reading The One and Only Ruby)
 - Social-emotional learning- Responsibility this month, goal setting, if. . then . . .
 - Science- weather and climate
 - Discovery time- going to other classes
 - Marbles- when they make good choices, earned show and tell and fort day so far
 - TGIF (what did you try this week? What are you grateful for? What did you improve on? What was fun this week?)
- Ms. Subcleff
 - Morning routines- class jobs, morning meetings, monthly focus (October)
 - Welcome to Olders Week (Wow week)- sculptor and clay- prompt given and then they can “pose the clay”
 - Story Create- students can create or just listen, books that create empathy

- Learning about the brain, growth mindset
 - Writing/Reading- tall tales
 - Math- fractions (4th grade equivalent fractions, 5th grade multiplying fractions), stretch you thinking puzzles with estimation
 - Learning journeys so far:
 - Cedar Spring 2 days, fort day when back
 - Swans trail farm
 - Tiny House Week
 - First homework project: cereal
 - Learning celebration- state report, will be in the commons
 - Art every Wednesday (artist study, use of different media, art history, art styles)
 - Discovery time- they pick a room to be in, playing games
 - Social studies- what makes a healthy democracy, branches of government
 - Spelling and grammar work
 - Marketplace coming up
 - Novel study coming up- City of Ember
- All classes: Learning Celebration- work at home on trifold board and they bring it to school for a bit celebration, there made be food, parents and families are invited to come in, trifolds are supplied, November 27th (last hour of ½ day)

Treasurer's Report – Lindall/Puneet

- Treasury Report:

Current Balances

Bank Statement

- \$18,190.80
- \$13,341.59

- Dues
 - 71 students
 - 46% have paid dues
 - It's important to pay dues because they pay for learning journey's, Friday specials, events etc., It helps us in the long run being able to pay for everything.
 - If you're not sure if you've paid, please reach out and ask.
 - You can apply for a hardship (only treasurers will know).
 - Dues will be going up next year, steering committee currently looking at by how much.
- Raffle tickets for those who paid dues, turned in paperwork for driving, allergy survey
 - Destiney (ice cream gift card)
 - Jeremiah Dost (amazon gift card)

Community Building Chair- Annie

- The focus of the Winter event is art and talent and we are looking for a coordinator. Chrissy will help with volunteers. This is something that won't happen if we don't have someone to organize. Anyone who wants to participate in the talent show can. Coordinating doesn't really need to start until January. You could use previous framework on do something totally different.

- The Fall event is November 16th from 2-5pm. There will be games and crafts. There is a link to sign up for snacks.
- Attending events count for hours because they are community events.

Volunteer Updates- Katherine/Hemalakshmi

- There is a volunteer role sign-up on sign-up genius.
- Volunteer hours are 65 hours per year, per family. There is a Forms Survey where you can log your hours (summer picnic, pool party, class summer playdates, ice cream social/community meeting, mimosa toast, steering meetings, and volunteer role work, prep or emails, PTSA meeting/events, Fall Fair, Homework, Learning Journey, 5th grade camp, etc.).
- If you have questions please contact Katherine and Hemalakshmi.

Friday Specials

- Start tomorrow (Oct. 25, Nov. 1st, 15, and 22nd from 1:55-3:10)
- There is a volunteer form if you are interested in volunteering.
- If you have questions, contact Friday Special Team:
 - Kara, Karen, Katya

PTSA (Updates)- Jaclyn and Aditi

- Brand new website- sandburgdcpts.org
- PTSA Membership: \$16 for individuals, \$21 for families and \$11 to sponsor a staff member
- Fall Fundraising Event: Catching Funds is underway with a goal for \$35,000 (equivalent to \$75 per student). Funds will support programs like Enrichment, STEAM Night, Multicultural Night, Trunk or Treat, etc.
- Trunk or Treat/Monster Mash Dash Dance: October 25th from 6-8 pm
- Reflections Deadline: submissions are due by October 27th.

Olders Day Camp (2025/2026)- Jaclyn and Aditi

- 2 days next year
- volunteer needed to organize the fundraisings for camp
- cost about \$120-\$130 per child
- Raffle last year during Winter event to help fundraise

Food Allergies- Jaclyn and Aditi

- There is the Food Allergy and Dietary Restrictions Survey to fill out.

- Six families have allergies- if there are more please take the survey. There is a place on the survey for parents and kids.

IT Website- Anwar/Jeremiah

- Lots of great information on the website
- Family directory- searchable online directory
- Cheat Sheet- There have been some date changes so be sure to double check.
- Volunteer roles- survey to sign up to volunteer
- Record volunteer hours
 - We used to have a different form but it was really hard to find out which families have done what.
 - Jeremiah will send out a summary of your hours about once a month.
 - You should get an email every time you input your hours into the form (sends to the email you put at the top).
 - It is preferable that you enter per event.
 - It is best if the email you put on the survey comes from one email.
- Pay dues or make donations
 - Can subscribe to the calendar and then dates will be updated on your calendar if they change

Walk on Topics (All)

There were not walk on topics.

Adjourned: 8:24