



Discovery Community School

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DCS Community Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2026

Location: Sandburg Library

Presiding: Aditi and Kiran

Minutes: David Noor

Opening: 7:02pm Pacific

Attendees: 21 community members (15 online, 6 in person)

Welcome

- * Speaker event in lieu of next months meeting. Topic will be *the birds and the bees* **by Amy lang. Hybrid. We will be sending an email with all info shortly.**
- * Call for elections in April. Please reach out to co-chairs email if you or someone you know would like to run for secretary, treasurer, co-chair.

Ms Bowser — Principal's Report

- * Recommend everyone goes to birds and bees. Good to learn this when your kids are young!
- * Tonight, here to talk about district 2 replacement levy for proposition coming up. Feb 10 due date for ballots.
 - * If you want more in depth information, you can go to the school district website or next Tuesday at 6:30 there is a zoom meeting to learn more in depth.
 - * Prop 1: This replacement levy is for existing educational programs and operations. Bridges the gaps for the things not fully funded. 16% of total district budget. Many districts are struggling but ours is balanced because we have been making many choices all along; very fiscally responsible. EP&O levy (Prop 1) helps fund student programs, school staff (nurses, health support), extra teacher time for professional development, early learning, extracurriculars like the arts, extra HS and MS classes.
 - * School technology and capital projects levy: helps support all technology devices we have like 1:1 devices, classroom devices like smart boards, technology infrastructure, facilities. These are all things not fully funded by the state. Needs in classroom, HVAC systems, roof repairs, field enhancements, safety and security.
 - * What will it change for you as a homeowner? This is a replacement or renewal: there's one in place you're already paying @\$1.26/assessed \$1000. This would increase to

\$1.43/\$1000 in 2027, and then \$1.36/\$1000 in 2030. So for example if you have a \$1.5MM house, this is about \$255 increase for the whole year, or \$21.25 a month.

- * These are very important for academic, social, and emotional resources. And this rate is much lower than neighboring districts.
- * If you have individual questions for Ms Bowser, welcome to reach out to her for questions.
- * The video we have in the Tuesday @630pm presentation highlights technology including many DCS/Sandburg students.
- * Questions:
 - * How long will it take for kids to receive benefits of the levy? It is seamless, a continuation.
 - * How many people have to vote? Some specific % of folks that voted in February — please vote!
 - * For a levy it is 50% + 1 vote, bond requires 60%.

Ms Subclef - Teachers' Report

- * Thanks for signing up for conferences! Remember this is one where you bring your child. Please let them know by Tomorrow if you need lunch.
- * Thanks to everyone supporting learning journeys and Friday Specials
- * Today they learned about how senators work together to pass a bill — they had to do a role-play today.
- * Our library has an age-appropriate tub of books that address issues in birds and bees. They aren't made generally available but are put into the classrooms for kids. If you are a parent and would like to check out the books, you are welcome to come look at those.
- * Teachers took building thinking classrooms and loved it.
- * Q&A
 - * What's the most surprising thing you learned at Building Thinking Classrooms? Effectiveness of vertical workspaces. Groups should be 2-3 and totally random. Having a de-fronted classroom — change where the front is because it makes kids think things are different! She has been trying that in the portable, and not always standing in front.

Liz — Winter Event

- * March 7th 3:00pm. Review of format (art, talent,...)
- * Hopefully everyone has the email with the online form for sign up.
- * Visited each class to review it with kids.
- * If you have questions about specific things your kids want to do — ask Liz or Robin.
- * Forms due right after mid winter break.
- * One form per act even if several kids.
- * Dress rehearsal Thursday before the event.
- * Talking to 5th graders about emcee opportunities.
- * Would like a volunteer to video the event please let Liz know

Volunteer Updates - Aditi

- * Multiple open roles available, please let them know if you'd like to sign up

Treasurer's Report — Tiana

- * \$49,812.64 in the bank
- * Reminder about company matching: Check if your company will match \$ donations, time, or both!
- * If you are a volunteer with expenses, please submit a reimbursement ASAP, within a month unless there is some sort of ongoing/recurring expense.
- * Budget will be coming up in March, with the next community meeting. We'll go through each line item and approve it.

Friday Specials — Aditi

- * Thanks to everyone organizing it!
- * Tracks: Amazing Art Lab, Millers Martial Arts, Kaizen Fencing Academy, Iovanne Music Academy

PTSA Updates — Aditi

- * Jan 27th — staff lunches during conference week.
- * Jan 30 — lost and found donations. Look for your lost stuff now!
- * Feb 27th — PTSA multicultural/diversity night. Time and details TBD. Typically look for people other than sign up and have a booth.
- * March 6-27 — Registration for school play (The Wizard of Oz)
- * PTSA Talent Show March 27th — Auditions March 18th and 19th
 - * THIS IS NOT THE DCS WINTER EVENT — THIS IS A SEPARATE EVENT

Community meetings — Aditi

- * Feb 19 — Speaker event (Amy Lang)
- * March 19th — Budget meeting — please be here!
- * April 23rd — Elections — please consider running for a position
- * May 20th — Last meeting for the school year, in person only

Other business

- * Reminder that there is a book fair during the conference days. Great time to shop for books!

Adjourned at 7:34

Meeting adjourned at xxxx