



Governance Council Minutes

Discovery Charter School, in cooperation with parents and the community, will empower students to become healthy, high achieving, life-long learners through the exploration of science and technology.

January 15th, 2013

In Attendance:

Sue Sewell-Principal

Dawn Loomis-Vierck-Teacher

Tonya Roberts- Parent/President

Laura Reetz-Parent

Peggy First-Teacher

Paul Vande Hei

Stephanie Beaver - Parent

Lacy George-Parent

Meeting called to order at 6:19PM

Minutes approved by Lacy, Seconded by Paul.

No public comment

1. Updates- Sue and Teachers

Dawn – Finishing up some testing this week including reading levels and Dolch words. Continuing to pilot guided math and doing math interventions. Reading groups restarted after the holidays. More testing will be conducted next week to adjust reading levels.

Sue – Began application for Green & Health Schools. Also reviewed criteria to become a Green Ribbon School. Chose to focus on recycling & waste management as focus area to become a 'seedling' school (classification based on the number of initiatives the school engages in). Victoria Rydberg is coming on Jan. 21st to discuss grants. Also discussed upcoming referendum and that in the near future grades 4th & 5th will continue to be separate from K-3rd. This influences decisions regarding expansion grants. Barry Goldman oversees charter schools at DPI and Sue plans to contact him to potentially attend a council meeting for us to ask questions about the best approach to expanding given the continued physical separation of K-3 with 4-5. Some options could be to apply for a grant for a separate Charter school, expand without a grant, or to decide not to pursue expanding to 4th & 5th grade.

2. **Event Planning Committee** – Discussed the upcoming Astico sledding & hiking trip. Also mentioned exploring the Wonder of Physics night. Laura volunteered to discuss paying for the presentation with the Green Team.

3. **Green Team** – Compost is still being picked up at the Middle School. Sue and Laura discussed trying to change pickup so that it occurs at Elementary School. Laura will be contacting Brenda to discuss how the change might be possible. There are a couple of art project in process on milk cartons and bottle caps for Green Team projects.



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4. **Resource committee – Sue will discuss the final version of the proposed committee with Bryan Davis, get feedback, and we will revisit the committee next month for final approval/vote or elimination of the committee.**

5. **Council recruitment – Sue will send out an announcement to parents to recruit 2 new parents via the DCS weekly update. Application form will need to be updated with the correct contact information. The Charter School webpage will be updated to announce recruitment.**

Motion to adjourn by Dawn at 6:52PM. Seconded by Laura.

Motion passed

Next Regular Meeting-

- *Council recruitment – review applications*

- *Guest speaker – Barry Goldman*

- *Review strategic plan – Develop committee for Green Ribbon activities*

- *Resource committee*