



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.

Date: November 20th, 2012

In Attendance:

Sue Sewell – Principal

Laura Reetz – Parent

Tonya Roberts – President/Parent

Paul Vande Hei – Community Representative

Lacy George – Parent

Suzy Zietlow – Teacher

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM by Tonya.

Motion to approve September minutes by Lacy, seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

No public comment.

1. **Updates- Sue and Teachers – The Tree Project continues at CES. Andy Black will be cutting the tree down (dead Norway Spruce near CES parking lot) and making boards. The students voted to cut the tree down on Election Day. Sue will let us know what will be made with the boards. The school will get a cross-cut of the tree and do some research on the community’s environmental history. Sue gave the annual report to the School Board. The Board has requested that DCS test data be combined with CES data in the future. Because of the small size of DCS, it did not receive a School Report Card. Sue explained some of the details regarding CES Focus School Status (for the next 5 years) as well as the CES report card.**
 - a. **Katie – Katie and her 2nd graders are involved in the Emperor Tulip Project (from No Teacher Left Inside and the Journey North Website) where the students track the growth of the tulips and blog with other students around the world. DCS K and 1st grade students helped with the plantings.**
 - b. **Suzy – 3rd graders are continuing to monitor the Whooping Crane migration to Florida. They have been using measurement skills to compile and organize data on class height and arm-span and are comparing that to the Whooping Crane. Students have written letters to the Thomas family that donated student dictionaries to all 3rd graders as well as letters to Lois Peterson, author of a read-aloud they’ve recently heard. In reading they are working on investigating non-fiction writing.**
 - i. **Suzy has met once with the Science Ends Committee regarding the District’s goals in the area of science. She will continue to update the Council on recommendations and happenings at future meetings. The Science Ends Report will be presented to the School Board in January.**



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- ii. **Suzy has been conducting Math Recovery assessments on struggling 3rd graders. She will be working with Ms. Weirsma and the other 3rd grade teachers to begin implementing the Math Enrichment/Intervention time in the next few weeks.**
2. **Clean-Up Event Discussion – The Council agreed that the DCS Fall Clean-Up from should go in the newspaper. The Council will consider adding details to the article regarding recruiting new Council members. Laura will get a thank-you card to K&B Tree Service that donated the mulch for the clean-up day. K&B will be coming this Monday to assess the tree and Sue will give the card to them then.**
3. **Resource/Budget Committee – Sue has been revising the wording of the proposal to create a resource/budget committee to give to the School Board. Tonya will continue revising the document and will share the updated proposal at the next meeting.**
4. **Grant(s) Update – Sue has spoken with Victoria Rydberg. They will be meeting on Dec. 10th regarding the Dissemination Grant. Sue will update the Council in January.**

Motion to adjourn by Laura at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Sue.

Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting – December 18th

- *Dr. Davis and Facilities Update*
- *Council member recruitment*
- *Community, Event and Document Committee Updates*