



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.

December 18th, 2012

In Attendance:

Sue Sewell-Principal

Katie Meister-School District Member

Tonya Roberts- Parent/President

Laura Reetz-Parent

Lacy George-Parent

Dr. Bryan Davis – Columbus Schools Superintendent

Dawn Loomis-Vierck-Teacher

Stephanie Beaver - Parent

Suzy Zietlow-Teacher

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM.

Minutes approved by Dawn, seconded by Laura.

No public comment

1. Facilities Updates – Dr. Bryan Davis

Dr. Davis reviewed the two options for a possible referendum for the school facilities. He also summarized the process the BOE and the District Facilities Committee has gone through over the past year to get the District to the two current options:

- a. **Option 1: Renovate**
 - a. Grades 6-12 at current CHS
 - b. Grades K-5 at current CES
 - c. Sell/demolish current CMS
- b. **Option 2: New**
 - a. Grades 9-12 at new site
 - b. Grades 4-8 to current CHS with renovations
 - c. Grades K-3 at current CES
 - d. Sell/demolish current CMS

2. Updates- Sue and Teachers

- a. Dawn – Students have completed a pumpkin exploration. They practiced math skills and baked bread and pies with the pumpkins. They are working in a non-fiction unit and are exploring non-fiction features in both reading and writing. Students have published two pieces of writing so far this year. Dawn has tested 1st grade students within Math Recovery. 1st grade has started a half-hour math intervention time (daily.) Dawn has also begun a guided math instructional format. Students have been using the iPads (class set of 4) in math class as well. They have also been using the



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iPads to listen to books. Dawn has been coaching other teachers in Responsive Classroom management techniques.

- b. **Katie – Students have been working on using the class set of Netbooks. They have explored Everyday Math games and websites. The 2nd graders have been exploring the cut Norway Spruce from the staff parking lot. They have written letters to the UW’s Entomology Department and students have received responses to help identify an insect they found in a tree cookie from the spruce. They also used the Netbooks to do some research on trees. They have been working on shapes in math.**
 - c. **Suzy – Students have been continuing investigations related to Whooping Cranes and wetland habitats. They are tracking results, questions and summaries on their classroom science blog. In reading and writing they are continuing to study non-fiction texts and features. They have focused on revising their non-fiction research pieces. In math, students have been working with place value concepts to read, write and build very large and small numbers.**
2. **Resource Committee – Council will revisit next meeting. Tonya edited the document describing the committee.**
 3. **Dissemination Grant – Victoria Ryndberg came last week and took pictures of the tree milling and will post them to the DPI Environmental Ed. Website. Victoria is continuing to work with Sue on planning an institute here at CES in the summer of 2014. Some of the grant monies would be potentially used for a poly-com system. Sue will keep us posted on Victoria’s recommendations.**
 4. **Document Updating – Tonya suggested that the Council eliminate the Wiki. The Council discussed the need to store the institutional memory of DCS. Paul had suggested previously using GoogleDocs or Dropbox. A DCS council log-in could be created such that future members could access documents, etc. Tonya drafted an outline for a DCS Council Handbook/Manual for future members to access and work from.**
3. **DCS Council Recruitment – Council will revisit next meeting.**

Motion to adjourn by Dawn at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Lacy.

Motion passed.

<i>Next Regular Meeting-</i>

- *Resource Committee*
- *DCS Council Member Recruitment*