



Discovery VPO

FEBRUARY 2025 Meeting

| Agenda Items | | |
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| Item | Time | Topic |
| 1 | 9:15 am | Welcome! Roll Call |
| 2 | 5 min | Principal's Update (Mr. Hudac) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSD facilities gave clear to do GaGa pit; old gaga pit will continue to be a drainage issue, but new one can go on the blacktop; maybe a portable pit; Minter Creek went through the process last year and has someone they worked with; JB will send quote from gaga pit at Pioneer ● Principal for the Day - last Friday and was a blast! ● Family Night in January - around 75 people showed up; worked well with restaurant takeover same night; maybe another in May? |
| 3 | 5 min | Communities in Schools Update (Alex McAuley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Past Friday a surveyor came out and approved county grant for a water bottle refilling station; student council helped with presentation and they were impressed; would use station about 6,000 times a month; will be here by the end of the month; hopefully can make a school announcement at the next Anchor Assembly ● Alex likes having a 5th grade project each year (last year was little library, this year will be water bottle filling station) ● CIS sponsored 4 students for YMCA swim class ● Belonging Assembly (Anchor Assembly last month) - worked with Black Student Union from GHHS (This month: problem solving) ● CIS has DEI committee - meeting last night and talked about importance of inviting CIS board members to events to see impact ● Twice a week high school volunteers from GHHS helping students and making Valentine boxes ● Shannon Olsen (Kopa) and Annie Schuster (GMS) and Alex - Wednesday: Feeder pattern meetings to report to school board for more accurate representation ● Annual Fundraiser April 5th at Gig Harbor Yacht Club; \$100 tickets; Italian theme ● Parade: will talk to Carrie Conway for tshirts; Alex will take on parade efforts |
| 4 | 3 min | Treasurer's Report (Preeti Sandhu & Kate Kelley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spellathon check \$13,006.69 ● Reader Board \$60 ● PE used some of their funds \$59 (she gets \$500) ● Some teachers used some of their teacher funds (\$150 each) ● Budget cycle is July 1st ● Talked about doubling teacher stipends for next year |
| 5 | 15 min | Funding Projects: We need to spend some money before the end of the year! (usually about \$9,000 a year for special projects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gaga ball pit from last year's playground donation will be purchased. ● New water station? Grant for 1 station was approved. VPO could add a second for ~\$2500. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd one would need to be closer to kinder classes - but how easily could this be done? ○ BLT question ● Kids' Gig Repair on hold until we can find a licensed contractor (willing to put their insurance forward) willing to volunteer some time to meet with PSD, oversee volunteer repairs. Playground is still safe enough to play. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have a parent who might be able to do this; coming out on Friday to do a walk through with staff; deciding what work a parent group could do ○ Do something for Facilities Day on May 15th for Patrick? ○ Alex will talk to Kiwanis - they helped originally with it ● Suggested purchase: new electric pencil sharpeners for each classroom. 20 @ \$30 = \$600. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Validate in survey? ○ Some out in common areas? ○ Jen Beachler motions to approve. Kate Kelley seconds. \$700 ● Staff survey going out via Mr. Hudac to ask for other ideas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For bigger ticket items that are equitable ○ Storage shed on playground for playground equipment (or maybe one for each side) - need to look at what we have and price for one versus two; would need to go through Patrick at Facilities; Hudac can follow up with Patrick about that |
| 6 | 5 min` | <p>New Board Positions: Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VPO needs more board members to take on different roles ● Co-Event Coordinators, Co-Staff Appreciation, and Co-Fundraising (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meagan McConnell interested in events ○ Quarterly parent meeting and board meets monthly |
| 7 | 25 min | <p>Past Event Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pie in the face day was a big hit. Principal/Mr. Alex For a Day also rocked! Thank you both! ● Family Game Night/Chipotle Takeover: well attended and lots of fun. Another one in May? <p>Current Events - February/March</p> <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One more Girls on the Run coach needed by Friday, 2/14 for the club to happen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have one confirmed; maybe two ○ They really want 3 coaches ○ Registration would need to open on Friday ○ More than just a running program; don't need to be a runner ○ 3rd - 5th grade girls ○ Mid-March through early May when they have a 5k ○ After school Tues/Thurs 330-5 ○ Jessica and Meagan are interested ● 2/ 27: Part II of <i>The Anxious Generation</i> book study with Mrs. Mills. Discovery Library, 6-7pm. The first conversation was great, and all are welcome to join. Email millst@psd401.net. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kids can come ○ Put on letterboard ● Special video for Principal Halliday?: Video of students telling her all about their projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Alex ○ School updates over why she is out ○ Student council does "news reports" from each class ○ Have everyone wear Discovery gear <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All month: READ & LEAD. Meagan McConnell and Meaghan Maldonado are leading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submit minutes via Google form every Friday. Kids who reach 700/1200 minutes get a medal. Top two per class get a special prize (Super Readers). School-wide popcorn party for 75%. ○ Kids Gig time for winners? ○ Class focused ○ In-class minutes count, reading to your child, audio books - all count ○ Crumbl \$5 gift card for Super Readers ○ How can we get everyone support for submitting minutes? Mr. Alex help? ○ Student council project: record an audio book? ● 3/11: Fondi Restaurant Takeover: heated outdoor patio should be open this time! ● 3/11: Spring Picture Day. 2-3 volunteers needed to walk kids from classes to pictures. ● 3/17-21: Book Fair: cashiers, setup & breakdown shifts. Mrs. W needs a book fair coordinator. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tansy needs a co-coordinator - someone to takeover when she leaves ○ Really need after school volunteers ○ Set up is the Friday before - about 1.5 hours ○ Middle schoolers helping ● 3/18: VPO FAMILY NIGHT – “The Zaniac” educational comedian. Volunteer support needed! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pizza & setup: 5pm; Show 6-7pm. Book fair will be open! Book & game swap table. ● 3/21: Staff Conference Meal – look for calls to contribute. <p>Future Events - April/ May/June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4/29: Galaxy Takeover. Should we hold a school-wide vote: <i>Snow White vs. Minecraft?</i> ● 5/5-9: Staff Appreciation Week (schoolwide): many opportunities to contribute + volunteer. ● 5/30: JOG-A-THON/COLOR RUN Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many volunteers needed, especially on the day of event: setup, throwing chalk, etc. Also need help and suggestions for local business sponsorships.. ● 6/7: Maritime Parade, 10am?.: Co-coordinator needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Alex will plan the Maritime Gig Parade this year ONLY IF there is parent help to organize Discovery kids and bring candy wagons for the actual parade day. ○ Actively looking for someone for this! ○ Can we get near the other schools in the parade this year? ○ Talk to Chamber about getting all schools together - maybe behind the school district’s float? ● 6/13 Field Day: Needs many volunteers for morning or afternoon shifts. Look for signups! |
| 8 | | Thank you for coming, everyone! Questions/Comments? Email us at board@discoveryvpo.org |

Board Positions Proposed:

These are some possibilities for creating additional board positions moving forward. Each category would ideally be a team of *at least* two people.

- Co-Secretaries:
 - Communications, Meeting Minutes, and Reader Board coordination
- Co-Event Coordinators:
 - Meet the Teacher, Family Nights, Game Nights, Takeovers
 - Creating signups, contacting volunteers, organizing volunteer calendars
- Staff Appreciation
 - Staff Lounge snacks and teacher treats, Recognition Weeks, Staff Appreciation Week in early May
- Fundraising
 - Spell-a-Thon & Jog-a-Thon (or other fundraiser)
 - Apparel