



Discovery VPO MARCH 2025 Meeting

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| Item | Time | Topic |
| 1 | 9:15 am | Welcome! Roll Call |
| 2 | 5 min | Principal's Update (Mr. Hudac) |
| 3 | 5 min | Communities in Schools Update (Alex McAuley) |
| 5 | 5 min | Goodman Middle School VPO (Erin McAllister, President) |
| 6 | 5 min | READ & LEAD updates (Meagan McConnell) |
| 7 | 5 min | Book Fair 3/17-21 (Tansy Mitchell) |
| 4 | 5 min | Treasurer's Report (Preeti Sandhu + Kate Kelley) |
| 8 | 10 min | <p>Funding Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Electric pencil sharpeners have been purchased for 18 classrooms + STEAM and Library ● Gaga ball pit from last year's playground donation will be purchased. ● Additional ideas from staff: more playground storage bins or sheds <p>Proposed items for vote today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New water station: vote to fund an additional water station to be placed where the school sees fit (probably the gym). ~\$2700. ○ STEAM MAKERSPACE tools: Mrs. Massimino requests \$550 above her yearly stipend of \$650 to purchase 5 Chompsaw tool kits for all grades. |
| 9 | 10 min | VPO Budget Planning Discussion: What should we keep/change for 2025-26? (see budget overview) |
| 10 | 10 min | <p><u>March Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All month: READ & LEAD (Meagan McConnell + Meaghan Maldonado) ● 3/11: Fondi Restaurant Takeover TONIGHT. Heated outdoor patio should be open this time! ● Girls on the Run season begins March 11. Registration still open. Sliding scale fees \$35-\$210. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let Me Run (boys) still needs several coaches to happen. T/Th 3:30-5pm, 4/28-6/14. ● 3/18: VPO FAMILY NIGHT – “The Zaniac” educational comedian. Volunteer support needed! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doors open 5pm; Pizza 5:30pm; Show 6-7pm. Book fair, Book Bus, book & game swap table. Pierce County Library, Makers Market, and Knitting Club tables. ● 3/21: Staff Conference Meal – look for ParentSquare signup to contribute treats, drinks, etc. <p><u>April/ May/June Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4/3 (*new date*): The Anxious Generation (Part 3) Book Club by Mrs. Mills + Mrs. Jones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discovery Library, 5-6pm. All are welcome to join. Email millst@psd401.net. ● 4/8: VPO meeting and Restaurant Takeover at The Hub (**New time and location**) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet at 11am at The Hub for a VPO lunch meeting. Restaurant Takeover all day! ● 4/29: Galaxy Theatre Takeover (Jessica Whitworth). <i>Snow White</i> or <i>Minecraft Movie</i>? ● 5/5-9: Staff Appreciation Week (schoolwide): many opportunities to contribute + volunteer. ● 5/30: JOG-A-THON/COLOR RUN Fundraiser (Jennifer Beachler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What should we call this combined event? ○ Need volunteers and business sponsorships ○ Purchase t-shirts for everyone? ● 6/13 Field Day: Many volunteers will be needed. Look for signups in ParentSquare in May. |
| | | Thank you for coming, everyone! Questions/Comments? Email us at board@discoveryvpo.org |
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| | | <p>MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>Read & Lead (Meagan McConnell) Week 1 Read & Lead: We're seeing a lot of teacher involvement. 160 responses and 62,788 minutes in week 1! Meaghan Maldonado did a great job on the bulletin board. Meagan McConnell has revised the Google form for submitting minutes. Discussed the need to follow up with teachers who have low participation and show metrics to teachers. This program is going very well so far.</p> <p>YMCA update from Jen (Ymca site lead)- Annual campaign starting soon to fundraise for YMCA care. Donations accepted. Y gives over 7K a month in donated childcare for "McKenney/Bento" students experiencing homelessness, with reimbursement for the Y delayed so fundraising is essential. Parent night out coming soon to fundraise. Fundraiser family night at the end of March, kids paint rocks, artwork & crafts (parents can donate whatever they are comfortable giving). VPO will help promote these fundraising events on our socials etc.</p> <p>Communities in Schools - Alex Macaulay 39 case managed students @ Discovery which meets 10% saturation for the school, 28 students attend the after-school reading program which now includes math. Kiwanis has donated a lot to the students at this school (8 pair new shoes), Preparing thrift store of clothing for Celebration of Learning, coordination between Discovery & goodman CIS to make sure families are making it to school on time, partnering with Counselor to speak with students to be prepared for SBA testing, and help with sense of belonging as per previous Panorama survey results. Having a Student Support Service rodeo happening on 3/14 that has CIS, Abby (LAP), Counselor all available to teachers, so the teachers can discuss students that need support. CIS Feeder Pattern Meetings also have started- how to support families as they have several students who advance through the district including partnering with other CIS representatives to coordinate support for individual families that have kids at multiple schools. PSD School Board is reviewing feeder data as reported by student representatives, and Alex is making sure the high level data points represented by these students include the most relevant info. Water Refill Station- Alex is pushing to get through district procedures to get it installed. With conferences next week, Alex is working to get families to parent-teacher conferences scheduled.</p> <p>Principal Update (Mr Hudac) We're getting ready for conferences, looking forward to Spring Family Night. Mr. Hudac has requested the VPO consider funding a second water refill station. The \$5,000 VPO donation from 10/23 is about to be spent on a Gaga Ball Pit (~3,000) and is now awaiting board approval at their next meeting later this month. Everything is sourced and ready to go for the Gaga Ball pit purchase once the board approves. Art of Reading for next year is being discussed, what kind of support and budgeting is needed for next year. Books for every student were purchased by the VPO last year. Mr. Hudac is asking that this continue and Discovery VPO agreed to fund the book purchase for all students. The books VPO purchased totaled about \$2,000 via Amazon, they were \$5 each. Discovery has "mastery based learning" grant money to help subsidize all other art materials for this fall event. The decision on which book will be made next month. The grant money has to be spent by the end of this school year, so they will pre-purchase everything they need for next year's Art of Reading.</p> <p>Goodman VPO President (Erin McAllister) Erin came to encourage parents to look forward to joining the Goodman VPO. Middle school is only 3 years and it goes fast. VPO for Middle School has a student store & snack shack that brings in funding. Students can buy Menchie's. They also do a book fair. Erin is looking for VP, Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinators, Book Fair Coordinators. VPO Does concessions at the games. Other fun highlights are treat days (every school gets a cookie or donut day- which really brightens</p> |

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| | | <p>kids days).</p> <p>GHHS Drama Update (Tia Weniger)- Summer Camp for 3rd-8th July 7 for 3 weeks, M-F 9-12 Frozen Jr, great experience, great show! \$360 for 3 weeks which raises money for the drama department</p> <p>Les Miserables - not entirely appropriate for kids, is happening 1st two weekends of May.</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair (Tansy Mitchell) Needs help with book fair 3/17-3/21. Definitely need help on Thursday for Spring Family night which we expect large attendance. Looking for a co-chair to run book fair in the future, The librarian does all the Scholastic contacts which is awesome. Putting \$ on a kids scholastic account has been problematic because their server fails, especially when busy. We definitely need 2 people running the cash registers. And demand during spring conference nights on Thurs & Friday might not be as big as we fewer students having a conference those days.</p> <p>Fondi Takeover tonight 3/11 4pm-8pm</p> <p>Playground Equipment (Tansy Mitchell) Helping to source 2 storage sheds. \$5,000 will purchase a Gaga-Ball pit & rubber mat to go underneath and 1 shed to be housed in a caged area. Rolling cart to bring out playground equipment is also on the list, unclear if that can be covered by the \$5,000 already donated by VPO 10/2023. Tansy is working on this.</p> <p>Water refill Station Vote on about \$3,000 - APPROVED. Motion by Jen Beachler, Approvals by Jessica Whitworth, Cecily and Tansy.</p> <p>STEAM Funding Mrs. Massimino is requesting \$1,200 for cardboard cutting machines (5). She gets \$650 from teacher fund, has \$430 left of her fund. VPO vote to approve \$850 (to cover the remainder including tax estimate). Motion Jessica W, Cecily, APPROVED!</p> <p>Color Run Fundraiser - May 30, 2025 This year, we are holding one Color Run event on May 30th with fundraising happening the entire month of May leading up to it. We won't be holding a Jog-A-Thon fundraiser event with Color Run as a reward due to timing constraints in May and stretched volunteer resources). Jen Beachler is heading this up and will have a strategic planning session with Cecily Novotney and Jessica Whitworth to finalize some high-level details. This fundraiser will roll out immediately after spring break.</p> <p>Galaxy Movie Night - April 29th 6pm Voted on showing the Minecraft Movie! \$1200 last time was the charge for both theatres. Galaxy might have raised prices, there is a possibility our ticket price might be slightly higher than the \$7 from before</p> <p>Girls on the Run- Starts today! Practices T Th 3:30-5pm, March 11th - late May. 10 girls are registered and the curriculum is very inspiring and exciting! Big thanks to Meagan McConnell, Jessica Whitworth and Chloe for coaching this amazing program.</p> <p>Let Me Run- looking for after school coaches, 3:30-5pm T Th, starting April 28th. Cecily Novotney & Jen Beachler interested in coaching but we need 1 more coach at minimum!</p> |

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| | | <p>Treasurer - Kate Kelly - shared draft of budget update & line items. Breakdown of what we have spent so far. We have done a good job of keeping costs down. Spell-a-ton had expenses of only \$100, so almost 100% profit for the school. Even for jog-a-thon, \$4500 is estimated expenses and we might not spend that much.</p> <p>Razz Kids- online book - we have budgeted for this, but \$ hasn't been spent</p> <p>Bus transfers for field trips - we have approved this money, Sound Adventures too, but only have spent part of that money. Unclear when the school will submit for reimbursement.</p> <p>We're doing really well on restaurant takeovers, brought in +\$1,000</p> <p>Reader Board also brought in ~\$900</p> <p>Treasurer Software - Quickbooks has failed, we need to transition to a web-based program that allows for greater visibility and security. Money Minder is used by Goodman, \$200 a year.</p> <p>APPROVED.</p> |