



# Discovery VPO

## November 2024 Meeting

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1	5:35 pm	<b>Welcome! Roll Call</b> Laura All, President; Jennifer Beachler, Vice President; Co-Treasurer, Preeti Sandhu; Co-Treasurer, Kate Kelley; Secretary, Erin Young
2	5 min	<b>Principal's Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Art of Reading is Thursday</li> <li>● Nate (from Kopachuck) will be around to help during Delonna's absences</li> <li>● Thank you for help from VPO for soup night on Tuesday</li> <li>● Conferences went well; about 90% of families participated</li> <li>● Question: Can we plug Spellathon at Art of Reading? Yes. Delonna will chat about it.</li> <li>● Encouraging everyone on minimizing absences; you can come to school with a cough!</li> <li>● Delonna is speaking to school board about what we are doing with math tonight</li> <li>● Question: Is there anything else you need from VPO? She will let us know when things come up.</li> <li>● Kids Gig - Delonna had a contact of a company that might want to help; will send contact information to Jen Beachler</li> </ul>
3	3 min	<b>Communities in Schools Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● American Education Week: something new the district is promoting and participating in this year; PSD ran community event for the schools; schools can go and brag about the cool things they are doing; Discovery will focus on Art of Learning; will have a screen with the recording of the play; live podcast in booth - will start Charlotte web and then do interviews; December 4th 5-7pm at Swiftwater; Alex, Ms. Awes and two more staff members; not sure who they are promoting it to; for families to be drawn to the district</li> <li>● Holiday support: Food sponsor from Longshoreman for \$200 each for two different families; Food Backpack 4 Kids sponsor two different families for Thanksgiving meals; Holiday Heroes (Shop with a Cop) - we get to nominate 6 students; private donor from church that sponsors 6 families - 12 days of Holiday Meals - about \$200 a family; Alex can sponsor 6 students with \$100 each; Gift Card tree (last year pulled in over \$700 in additional gift cards) - Can we do a QR code to donate in addition to the gift cards? - through CIS, not PSD;</li> <li>● Food drive - student council put up posters today - all donations will go to FB4K - will go through the rest of the month; math vs english; see if we can store in YMCA portable</li> <li>● Art of Reading: 1,283 downloads of podcast (more than last year!); lots of responses on mystery reader</li> <li>● State Conference for CIS: In September with site coordinators; Alex was one of three that spoke on a site coordinator panel; talked about everything going on at Discovery</li> <li>● Conferences: met with 23 families (out of 34); social and emotional goals; some with new parents and families to get their students signed up on Alex's caseload</li> <li>● Board visit today: soft site visit; brought tokens of appreciation and spent about 30 minutes in the building; showed them around</li> <li>● Afterschool Reading Program: starts next Thursday; invitation only; more volunteers means we can have more students; we have about 20 volunteers right now; 2nd and 3rd graders (and a couple alumni); 30-35 would be great; lots of students are coming to volunteer from the high school; meet in the library; 330-4 recess with snack and then do reading program from 4-5pm; interested volunteers can contact Mr. Alex or Mr. Small; maybe do math in the spring!            COMMENT: Fondi's would be happy to support!</li> </ul>
4	3 min	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$300 from reader board</li> <li>● Paid for insurance \$440</li> <li>● Staff treats \$80</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choir shirts \$114</li> <li>● We have about \$34,000 in bank; \$10,000 is startup fund; \$22,000 in savings</li> <li>● Setup a new account - for security - everything the same, just a new number</li> </ul>
5	30 min	<p><b>Current Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Spell-a-thon Fundraiser: Nov. 21</b> (Erin Young)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of two fundraisers for the year; classes, individual, and school-wide prizes</li> <li>○ <b>Grading party Nov. 22 at 9:15am</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Art of Reading Night: Nov. 14.</b> Doors at 5 pm, Performances at 5:30 pm. Maker's Market!</li> <li>● <b>Photo Retake Day:</b> Friday, Nov. 15, from 9:30-11:30am. <b>One or two volunteers needed.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Megan will be here</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Restaurant Takeover:</b> Moctezuma's, Nov. 19               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fondi's - made \$578! Largest fundraiser they have had!</li> <li>○ Look into The Hub for the spring - try to schedule all day and invite everyone after the VPO meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>After/Before School and Recess Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Knitting Club: Wednesdays at 1st recess. Maker's Club: T/Th 1st recess (4th &amp; 5th); Choir (4th/5th) Tuesday am. Explorers United, T/Th at lunch.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Hands on Art Training:</b> Next training for "Repousse" metalwork Nov. 21, 7-9pm.</li> <li>● <b>Kids' Gig Repair update</b> (Jennifer Beachler)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Had someone come take a look that is a contractor</li> <li>○ Structure is good, more of the vanity pieces need to be replaced</li> <li>○ Wet bark touches the structure and rots it - can replace</li> <li>○ Not a candidate for teardown</li> <li>○ Maybe have students help paint!</li> <li>○ Maybe VPO can put some money up and reach out to the names on the Gig about helping with the rest</li> <li>○ Need to connect with the district about what we can and cannot do; Patrick needs to be involved; but don't want to draw too much attention to it; push the decrease in long term maintenance</li> <li>○ Some work has been done by the district; legally they have to maintain, but they want to take it down</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Other possible funding projects: increase classroom stipends, water bottle station, your ideas here!</li> <li>● <b>Update:</b> Gaga Ball Pit being ordered; Tansy is doing it; from money we donated last year</li> <li>● <b>Comment:</b> Can we bring to Tansy's attention that two tetherballs need to be replaced? - Jen Beachler</li> <li>● <b>CrumbI Cookie:</b> willing to donate mini cookies for staff treats</li> </ul> <p><b>Past Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Book Fair &amp; Conference Week, Staff Breakfast &amp; Dinner: Thank you!!</li> <li>● Fondi Takeover: \$578</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>BBQ2U Takeover Dec 2-8.</b> Anyone can drop a receipt in the jar for Discovery all week!</li> <li>● <b>Galaxy Movie Takeover:</b> Dec. 10. Showing <i>Moana 2</i>. Tickets \$7. Sales open next week.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On Parentsquare and Thursday folder schedule</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Raffle basket (maybe 2); should have a QR code for payment; Should we set up at the front desk to get kids excited? <u>HOLD OFF ON BASKET FOR NOW.</u></li> <li>● Staff Lounge holiday treat – <b>call for donations in December.</b></li> <li>● Spring Family Night with “The Zaniac:” March 18.</li> <li>● <b>Read &amp; Lead helper needed for March.</b></li> <li>● <b>Jog-a-thon helpers needed for May.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can we make Jogathon and Color Run into one thing?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	5 min	<b>Parent District Council Report</b> (Jennifer Beachler)
7	5 min	<b>Communications</b> (Erin Young): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Where do you get your info: ParentSquare, flyers, social media?</li> <li>● Email list will return               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Let’s put out at Art of Reading</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8		<b>Next VPO Meeting:</b> Tuesday, December 10, at 9:15 am in the YMCA portable
9		<b>Thank you for coming, everyone!</b> Questions/Comments? Email us at <a href="mailto:board@discoveryvpo.org">board@discoveryvpo.org</a>