



# Discovery VPO DECEMBER 2024 Meeting

Agenda Items		
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1	9:15 am	<p><b>Welcome! Roll Call</b>            Laura All, President; Jennifer Beachler, Vice President; Co-Treasurer, Preeti Sandhu; Co-Treasurer, Kate Kelley; Secretary, Erin Young</p>
2	5 min	<p><b>Principal's Update (Mr. Hudac)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2nd full week covering for Ms. Halliday</li> <li>● Will squeeze into the ship this Friday for spellathon goal!!</li> </ul>
3	5 min	<p><b>Communities in Schools Update (Alex McAuley)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holiday support: Longshoreman of Tacoma sponsoring 2 families; FB4K sponsored 2 families; Holiday Heroes is sponsoring 6 families; CIS gets to support some students;</li> <li>● Discovery student was nominated and got to join in lighting the city tree last weekend</li> <li>● Gift card giving tree is in front office</li> <li>● FB4K food drive through next Wednesday</li> <li>● After school reading program: had 22 students last week; more volunteers means more students can participate; invited a few 5th graders who needed math support</li> <li>● American Education Week: digital innovation showcase at Swiftwater; shared podcast gear and content</li> <li>● South Sound Magazine - Finest Institution with a Cause (YAY!)</li> <li>● Spirit Week is next week - student council               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday career</li> <li>○ Tuesday nonfiction</li> <li>○ Wacky Wednesday</li> <li>○ Thursday: Anything but a backpack</li> <li>○ Friday: pajama day</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Mrs. Mills:</b> Some of the teachers and Mrs. Mills did a book study on The Anxious Generation; Planning to start a book study for parents on this book - has fliers; Monthly meetings January 30, Feb 27, March 27 and April 24; Thursdays 5-6pm; email Mrs. Mills for more information</p> <p><b>YMCA Update:</b> Winter camp is coming up; fliers in YMCA portable and will put some in the office also; YMCA has camps when the school is off; Hot cocoa drive with hats and gloves for FB4K; kids are making Christmas cards and she brings them out to The Mustard Seed - also making ornaments this year; Welcome board if you want to put fliers up. Send all fliers out to Jen for parent bulletin board.</p>
4	3 min	<p><b>Treasurer's Report (Preeti Sandhu &amp; Kate Kelley)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$1200 Galaxy theater rental               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sold out two theaters</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kroger \$56.31 gave us - select our VPO on Fred Meyer app (should leave in weekly update through PS)</li> <li>● Bus Driver 89.34 and Custodial Appreciation 83.70</li> <li>● Rainier Game 100</li> <li>● Mr. Pleasant \$1000 for the week he did with TK and K</li> </ul>

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5	30 min	<p><b>Past Events - November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spell-a-thon Fundraiser: WOW! Total raised: \$13,131. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Hudac will be in the big ship all day this Friday! All other prizes in January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Moctezuma's Takeover in November raised \$379.84.</li> <li>● \$578.40 at Fondis (said it was their record!)</li> <li>● Book Fair: \$1657 to VPO, split between our Library Fund and Social Services budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where some of our scholarship money comes from</li> <li>○ Looking for someone to coordinate going forward</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Current Events - December/January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Galaxy Movie Takeover tonight: <i>Moana 2</i>. Show starts at 6, theaters will be open by 5:30.</li> <li>● Staff Holiday Party treats: look for new signup for contributions by Monday Dec. 16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can donate all year - don't wait for a signup!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● January 14: Chipotle Restaurant Takeover</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Events - 2025</b></p> <p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>All month: READ &amp; LEAD? 2+ team members still needed to plan the event</b> in Feb/Mar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team Tasks: Make fliers and Canva posts, monitor Google form spreadsheet for recording minutes, send out morning announcements, update the leaderboard, move trophies weekly, organize participant coupon envelopes, coordinate popcorn parties for winning classes.</li> <li>○ Megan McConnell!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>17-21: Book Fair:</b> Help wanted with promoting, organizing volunteers, setup and breakdown</li> <li>● <b>18: VPO FAMILY NIGHT</b> – “The Zaniac” educational comedian. Volunteer support needed! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team Tasks: help with planning and promoting, set up the gym, pick up pizza and drinks from Costco, serve food, help direct the crowd, clean up afterwards.</li> <li>○ Not a drop off event! Parents must control their kids.</li> <li>○ Need clean up materials on hand - lots of spills last year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>May/ June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>JOG-A-THON/COLOR RUN Fundraiser:</b> merging into one Run event with colored chalk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team Tasks: help plan the event ahead of time, find business sponsorships, organize t-shirts, set up chalk, set up inflatable finish line, record laps, throw chalk, serve popsicles, clean up afterwards.</li> <li>○ <b>Tentative event date: either 5/30 or 2nd week of June.</b></li> <li>○ 30 May is also makeup testing day and Anchor Assembly</li> <li>○ Will work on incentives for combining the events</li> <li>○ Could use some help with pre-planning and day of</li> <li>○ Need help with sponsorships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	15 min	<p><b>“Big picture” discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expanding VPO positions (see back)</li> <li>● Meetings: Opening exec board meetings to anyone, holding fewer general meetings</li> <li>● Looking ahead: NEW Spring 2025 Calendar Draft (see attached).</li> </ul>
8		<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Board Game Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 14th</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Families could pick up Chipotle and come to game night (1/14 is takeover night).</li> <li>● January 6, 7 and 8th - National Honor Society is meeting with the 5th graders to share study tips, etc.</li> <li>● Have Goodman principal come back to a Discovery VPO meeting? March? Side event?</li> <li>● March or April - budgeting for next year so it is ready by the end of the school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase teacher stipend!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Special Funding - riser/stage for performances in the gym (hard to see when littles are standing on the ground) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ About \$6k</li> <li>○ Megan will get more information</li> <li>○ Might be able to do this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Water station?</li> <li>● Kids Gig - We need more information from the district; is this city property?</li> <li>● French Toast Theater - a 3 week after school program; VPO can subsidize so cost per student is less</li> </ul> <p><b>Next VPO Meeting:</b> Tuesday, January 14th CANCELLED</p>
9		<b>Thank you for coming, everyone!</b> Questions/Comments? Email us at <a href="mailto:board@discoveryvpo.org">board@discoveryvpo.org</a>

### EXISTING BOARD POSITIONS

Current board members communicate regularly, meet monthly, and try to participate in most of the year's activities as volunteers.

Presidents

Vice-Presidents

Secretaries

Treasurers

### ADDITIONAL BOARD POSITIONS?

These are some possibilities for creating additional board positions moving forward. Each category would be a team of at least two people coordinating, and preferably more.

Communications: fliers, Canva posts to ParentSquare and social media

- Megan McConnell

Outreach: creating signups, contacting volunteers, organizing volunteer calendars

Staff Appreciation

Fundraising

    Spell-a-Thon

    Jog-a-Thon

Apparel

Event Planning: Meet the Teacher, Family Nights, Takeovers

Special Projects: applying VPO funds to address our school's specific needs

- Megan McConnell