

SET Meeting Minutes 8-23-12

Called to order at 6:00 pm in room #308 at Lincoln Middle School.

Those in Attendance: Kim Shively (facilitator), Danielle Sprain, Mary Temp, Michele Cook, Rene' Jacobs-Guentner, Laura Huber, Larry Myhra, Gina Meinertz, Nine Dodge, Lori Arndt, Joe Northwood, Tina Thomas, Mariah Strong, and Rebecca Duncanson

Members Absent: Maureen Runyon

Timekeeper: Kim Shively

Minutes last meeting: Passed

Principal's Reports:

Laura Huber discussed how Deb Jaskiewicz was moving back to E1 to create another classroom. E1 classrooms will have 14 to 15 students each. The La Crosse School district provided \$6000 in set up costs for the new classroom and a new platform was also built. Playground money donated by SET and Northside School PTO was used to buy a teeter totter and building/climbing blocks. The North Presbyterian Church has also donated \$2000 which may be used to buy tricycles and a shed.

This fall the school is expecting 18 students in kindergarten. The number of preschool students is still unknown (e-mail update 14). E2 will have 28 students this fall with a teaching assistant in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. The school board is planning on presenting a new Northside School and Coulee Montessori building proposal for referendum this fall. The building will hold up to 500 students.

Larry Myra reported that the adolescent program at Lincoln will have 34 students this fall which is up from 20 last year. Nine Dodge was hired at Lincoln and will be teaching with Gina on a part time bases. Nine's background is in math and science. The adjoining room has been cleaned out and is in the process of being set up as a soft landing room for individual work. If anyone has a sofa, lamps, etc to donate please contact Gina.

The adolescent program will be using the ALEKS math system this year which can be accessed at home. Special math project will also be established to make sure kids are meeting math standards. Before school homework clubs and afterschool guidance is also available at Lincoln. Gina Meinertz rallied her husband and some La Crosse firemen into building the garden shed. It is located by the Washburn neighborhood garden. AKA orientation for middle school students will be held August 28th. In the future Lincoln is hoping for enough Coulee Montessori students to fill 2 full rooms.

Treasurers Report by Danielle Sprain (Summation)

Beginning Balance \$3786.01

Deductions \$3067.91

Deposits \$1286.52

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End Balance \$2004.62

Treasures report was approved and passed. There is \$249 remaining for teachers to use from last year requests. Ipads were purchased with moneys approved last year and distributed to teacher for the classrooms. \$300 each was also distributed to teachers for classroom materials. Danielle requested receipts from teachers for accounting purposes. The school is still expecting \$212.51 in Kemp caps money and \$286.80 for box tops. Kemps is discontinuing milk cap money November 1st – please get in all caps by October. Balls and some teacher supplies have been ordered also from our Campbell soup labels.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee Report: Joe Northwood discussed Original works for November, coffee/fudge sale in October, and Soup supper to be scheduled in February. Joe is planning on have a sign-up for volunteers at the open house.

Outreach Committee Report: Rebecca Duncanson and Mariah Strong are planning on having a table at the open house on the 30th. Parents will be encouraged to sign up for the parent directory that night. Items were ordered for the school store and should be available for purchase or order at the open house also. The committee is still planning on doing lunch for teachers at conferences, Rotary lights, family fun events, and would like to advertize in Coulee Parenting this year. The committee will be looking into cost for winter issue. Cathy Fuchs has also offered to help with this committee. The committee is planning on holding meetings the Tuesdays before SET meetings. In addition to the \$100 approved for the Outreach store via e-mail \$70.98 more was approved for store supplies.

501c3: Danielle has been in contact with Jeff and he is sending her more questions that need to be answered.

By-Laws: Reviewed and discussed possible by-laws changes needed to meet DPI Governance procedures. In the interest of time a separate meeting will be held before the next meeting if possible to review proposed changes and make more conclusive recommendations to the board. Mary Temp will be sending out more information.

Governance Board Workshop Review: Kim Shively and Mary Temp discussed the governance workshop they attended in Sparta. They discussed how the board needed to look more at the big picture of the school and what needed to be done to maintain Coulee Montessori's Charter school status. This included looking at student outcomes more carefully, governance board membership changes, possible financial responsibilities, education of members and parents, contract negotiations, and the board speaking as one voice. Along with the discussion of board members was a discussion on teacher members. Mary Temp will be contacting other charters and the DPI to see what guidelines indicate is acceptable.

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Board Members and Officers: Kim Shively was approved as a new board member and will serve as Vice-President, Mary Temp was elected president and the secretary position was tabled until next meeting. Kim will be setting up board member e-mails. Everyone was asked to review the committees and e-mail Mary Temp by the August 31st with committee preferences.

New Business:

Laura Huber requested \$50 for ice cream social at open house. This was approved.

Mary Temp discussed possible books for board and parents to read about Montessori including Together with Montessori by Cam Gordon and Understanding Montessori – A Guide for Parents by Maren Schmidt.

Information was passed around by Gina on the Montessori Community Summit on October 6th for 1pm to 5 pm in Milwaukee. For more information contact Gina.

Special thanks were given to Larry and Laura for all their hard work getting new staff.

Next meeting is in the Library at Coulee Montessori at 5:30 pm on Thursday Sept. 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm