

SET MINUTES

**September 13, 2012
Roosevelt/Coulee Montessori LMC**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Those in attendance: Mary Temp (President), Kim Shively (Vice President), Danielle Sprain (Treasurer), Maureen Runyon (Secretary), Cathy Fuchs, Josh Shively, Dan Schiffer, Michelle Schiffer, Katie Anderson, Larry Mhyra, Stephanie Espe, Becky Mish, Mariah Strong, Laura Huber, Joe Northwood, Rebecca Duncanson.

Motion to elect Maureen Runyon as Secretary, motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Sprain

Beginning Balance: \$2004.62

Deductions: \$593.51

Ending Balance: \$1411.11

Danielle reported that with the Campbell soup labels she was able to order out of the Gopher magazine 18 balls and 2 electronic staplers. We will now need \$250 to order a cage to keep the balls in for the kids.

Principal Report: Laura Huber and Larry Myhra, Laura reported that enrollment for Coulee Montessori was 127 kids K4-5th grade with the largest being in the first grade E-1. Laura explained that with SAGE funding you need to have no more than 18 students in grade K-3 in a class at a time. We can only have 7 classrooms because we share the building with Northside School. Laura discussed 3 different scenarios which she passed out handouts on and went over them in the meeting in regards to class size and how this would impact Coulee Montessori's future.

Laura also thanked the SET team for the playground equipment and is waiting for the rest of the equipment to go up. Hopefully, yet this year to finish Phase 2 and will need fundraising help to finish with Phase 3.

Larry Myhra discussed the long-term principal report and the amount that would be needed for a new classroom. He discussed enrollment at being 35 and staffed with a teacher and half and other help with those with special needs. ALEKS is the new math instruction on line that is being used along with individual instruction. Larry discussed the plans for a one week field trip in February but the cost is likely to be \$400 per student. He also mentioned the upcoming field trip the end of September for an overnight at Camp Salem.

Discussion for a sign to put up at Lincoln to distinguish Coulee Montessori and SOTA schools, Larry would ask for each school to pay half. He will bring back to meeting once he has more information.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee Reports: Joe Northwood discussed the fudge ordering and finalizing will be out in October. He discussed the Original Works will be available for ordering in November as the children are working on their artwork. Coffee orders will be sent out in the next few weeks. There will be a soup/supper later in year along with needing help with the spring rummage sale. Joe will be looking for his replacement or co-chair for next meeting.

501c3: Motion was passed to set aside \$300 from the SET Committee to get going on the paperwork and to find out where Jeff is at with this so that we can move forward with getting our tax exempt status.

Outreach Committee Reports: Rebecca Duncanson and Mariah Strong discussed open house items that were ordered and new items available. There was a discussion of a display case for families to view the items. The Rotary Lights will be coming up November and a sign up was put out at the open house in August. The directory has about half of the families listed and this is hoping to be done by October.

By-Laws: Kim Shively sent out the changes that were made in the By-Laws so everyone was able to view. Kim also discussed how we are trying to develop a model and using La Crosse Design Institute (LDI) and other Charter school information during the development of this. Motion was made and passed to accept new by-law changes.

Parentwide Committee: (Other Business) Mary Temp discussed the new school referendum of voting that will be held this evening to vote on the either on a new north side school or repairs. Several surveys have been sent to families and 49% seemed to be in favor of a new school and 21% in favor of repairing. Laura Huber indicated that the elementary report card will be changing. This will not affect Coulee Montessori.

New Business: Due to governace board change Mary Temp motioned that principals provide data regarding where we are at with scores of testing in regards to academics, Montessori methods, and financial concerns. There was discussion regarding the overload of data and what it actually needed, objectives of the Coulee Montessori Education and teacher training. It was asked that the SET Committee come up with 3-5 questions that we would like addressed for the principals report. Motion was passed that principle provide report for next meeting and additional questions will be established based on information.

Mary also discussed the purchasing of books to help educate Coulee Montessori families and a possible book club. Together with Montessori by Cam Gordon handbook which is \$8.50 and Understanding Montessori-A Guide for Parents by Maren Schmidt that costs \$12.00. Motion was passed to do a book club for parents and board, donations for book cost from participants will be sent out.

Next SET Meeting: October 11, 2012 at 5:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School.

Tabled items for next meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm