

# SET MINUTES

December 16, 2010  
5:30pm at LMC/Coulee Montessori/Roosevelt

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:37pm.

ROLL CALL was taken. Those present included: Laura Huber, Michele Cook, Gina Morken, Cathy Fuchs, Rene' Jacobs-Guenther, Stephanie Espe, Chandra Cox, Jen Harnisch, Lori Arndt, Kristi Koch, Jeff Mochalski.

Not in attendance were Amanda Acklin and Leslee Cullen.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE included: Mariah Strong, Dawn Comeau, Rebecca Duncanson, Mary Temp, Joe Northwood

MEETING ROLLS were assigned:  
Facilitator: Michele Cook  
Secretary: Kristi Koch  
Time Keeper: Joe Northwood

November 2010 minutes were approved.

NEXT SET MEETING: January 13, 2011 in Roos/CM LMC at 5:30pm. Jen Harnisch will facilitate.

## SET BUSINESS:

### A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mrs. Huber

- Logo—Laura had a graphic artist design a logo for CM. \$400 expense from school CM budget. The spiral represents the curriculum; the colors represent the world map.
- CM Brochure—in process of being finished, will be distributed once developed.
- Wisconsin Montessori Association—is a new organization that Gina Morken is playing an instrumental role in. WI Montessori Assoc will be for public/charter/private Montessori teachers and parents across the state. February 5<sup>th</sup> will be professional development conference—cost of \$30/person. Possibility of long distance learning and collaboration in the future.
- Chicago Montessori conference—held in March. Laura has held some of her budget funds back to cover \$210/teacher cost to attend. SET to consider at future meetings giving an amount of money to attending teachers for new materials.
- School Boiler—83 year old boiler remains oldest in district with no immediate planned upgrade. Voting at last school board meeting did not include any renovations. Numerous neighborhood/school/political

people to attend next school board meeting to protest lack of upgrading.

- After School Program—in late November all 5 and 6 year old children from Boys and Girls Club and Franklin Afterschool program will be attending the Y Surround Care program at Roosevelt. Dues to daycare regulations this change must be made. No child will be turned away and ability to pay will be assessed. Locations to house children are being looked into with the possibility of the gym as one location.
- Early Risers program—there will be no funding for the program next year. The Y Surround Care program will take the place of it.
- CM Press—Lori Arndt featured in School District Connections magazine as participant of the SET Team.
- Folk Dance Residency—May 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Request made by music dept (Mary Ender Stutesman) for CM to contribute money towards the \$600 cost to have a family night. Franklin/Roosevelt PTO will also be asked to contribute. The family night would be a time for kids to show parents what they've learned and for all to participate. No motion or agreement on contribution made at this time.

B. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/501c3-

The teachers met with Laura to discuss the future direction of SET and CM. With incorporation, consistent teacher attendance and voting is required. Ideas of how to make it work were drafted by the teacher group. The idea draft includes a CM Montessori Governing Board that would meet quarterly to discuss business issues and expenditures. Rene' and Michele volunteered to be the consistent teacher members. The CM Montessori SET Team and committees would then meet monthly with teacher rotation. It would also be an opportunity for parent education and family time. The goals are to have a different format, separate business from discussion, increase transparency, and meet formalities required by incorporation. Laura will be sending a note home to families to get feedback by December 23, 2010. Future discussion and decisions to be made at future meetings.

- C. ADOLESCENT PROGRAM UPDATE-20 people responded to the survey that asked about moving the adolescent program to Lincoln Middle School. 60% want the program to stay in the Roosevelt building, 20% want the program to move to Lincoln, and the rest were non-committal. Many concerns have been expressed about the move being the right thing for the program. Larry Myhra has issued CM a formal invitation with a sunset clause, to bring the CM Adolescent Program to Lincoln. This means that after one year the CM Adolescent program could come back to

Roosevelt if desired. There is no specific time frame that this decision needs to be made by. Instead many items need to be concerned. Parent committees would need to be formed to problem solve, evaluate, and asses the findings of moving the program to Lincoln. It was suggested that CM poll the current children and families in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade to see if they are planning on attending a traditional school next year? Is the move a bad idea? And, are they (parents and kids) open-minded on the move, not convinced, absolutely ready to go, or willing to give it a one year try? Laura will continue to work on the project.

- D. VISITATION DAYS—January 15, 9:30am to 11:00am and March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The request was made by Rene for \$450 to cover the cost of placing an advertisement in the La Crosse Tribune and possibly Kids Corner. Motion made and seconded by Jen and Jeff. Postcards will also be sent home with current CM kids to invite new children into the Children's House. At this time it looks like there will be 13 open slots for Pre-K/Kindergarten.
- E. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - The December fundraiser is to make egg rolls for the New Years Eve celebration at the La Crosse Center. Half of the materials are being donated. A request was made from the fundraising committee for \$250 for food costs. Motion made and seconded by Lori Arndt and Chandra Cox. The question was raised if there were policies in place to manage/deposit money gained. There will be a spaghetti dinner in the spring and possibly another rummage sale. The Fundraising Committee asked what the goals are that they are raising funds for—comments from attendees were to say that donations/funds go to enrichment, development, new materials and field trips. The question of "Do we as a group have a vision?" was raised.
- F. DISTRICT WIDE PARENT MEETING -Chandra gave an update on the past meeting she attended. There was discussion on the High School having more choice schools—such as one that would focus on health care careers. The safe routes to school are being updated with new signs. Walking is encouraged to promote physical education. There will be a school nutrition cooking contest in April with the kids submitting healthy food recipes. The school district also wants a presentation on cyber bullying to be shared with all.
- G. OUTREACH-report given by Rene. New Year's Eve bash is covered with volunteers for both set up/take down and working booth. Volunteers for the visitation days in January and March have already been recruited.

H. FRANKLIN/ROOSEVELT PTO- Dawn reported that \$631 profit will be going to CM from the fruit sale.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jennifer Morgan reported an ending balance of \$3683.42 (See report at end of Minutes).

J. OLD BUSINESS: Sleds-will use cardboard from delivery boxes from now on. Snow on streets-Laura H. will call the city to see if street snow removal can be improved.

RECOMMEND TOPICS FOR NEXT SET MEETING: Chandra checking into community resources.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 7:10PM

## **Coulee Montessori SET Checking Report**

**December 16, 2010**

Beginning Balance	\$3,381.87
Paid Out	\$-
	\$-
Deposits:	
Late OW payments	\$77.00
Ending Balance	\$3,458.87
Gina's Classroom	
Balance	\$224.55
Total Checking Balance	\$3,683.42

