

SET MINUTES

August 19, 2010

5:30-7:00 PM at Northside Community Policing Station

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:38

ROLL CALL was taken. Those present included: Laura Huber, Michele Cook, Deb Jaskiewicz, Chandra Cox, Jen Morgan, Lori Arndt, and Jeff Mochalski. Not in attendance were Amanda Acklin and Leslee Cullen

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE included: Rene' Jacobs-Guentner, Kathy Schnitzius, Gina Morken, Kristi Koch, Danielle Sprain, Mariah Strong, and Dawn Como

MEETING ROLLS were assigned:
Facilitator: Deb Jaskiewicz
Secretary: Michele Cook
Time Keeper: Lori Arndt

MAY MINUTES WERE APPROVED

NEXT SET MEETING: September 16, 2010 in Roos/CM LMC. Chandra Cox will facilitate.

SET BUSINESS

A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mrs. Huber

- AMERICORP MEMBERS - Interviews were done on Thursday by Mrs. Huber and Ms. Rene'. They interviewed 6 candidates, gave their approval to 4 of the candidates, and have been granted 2 AmeriCorps members for Coulee Montessori.
- SAGE - Coulee Montessori has been approved for SAGE, meaning that in exchange for money received through the SAGE grant, class sizes in grades K-3 cannot have more than 18 students. The La Crosse School District supports SAGE, but it does not include PreK. In order to make space for an additional classroom for PreK, Kathy S. has agreed to move to the LMC. The district is advertising for a part-time PreK teacher and an assistant. The current class sizes would be: new PreK - 12; Rene' - 17; Deb - 17; Michele - 18; Cathy - 18; Jenny - 15; Kathy S. - 23; Gina - 17.
- GARDEN PROJECT- Mrs. Huber thanked everyone who helped with the beautification process, which now includes an outdoor classroom. The gardens add to the beauty of the school.
- OPEN HOUSE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL - As a means of welcoming back students and parents, there will be an ice cream social from 5-5:30 the night of Open House. Michele Cook made

a motion, requesting that SET contribute \$75.00 towards the purchase of the ice cream. The motion was passed.

- CHARTER SCHOOL ARTICLE/SET CONSTITUTION - Mrs. Huber shared her thoughts regarding the organization of SET and asked for discussion regarding an article which she had provided about Charter School Governing Boards. Thoughts/concerns shared by people in attendance included:

1. question the functions of SET
2. question the history of SET
3. need to define the roles, make more formal
4. goals have changed from starting of school to maintaining and extending the school
5. phases of board have changed
6. question whether we are the appropriate size and representation
7. interested in pursuing what we could learn from other charter schools/another board
8. worry that the integrity of the Montessori philosophy may be compromised

- B. APPOINT A REPLACEMENT SET MEMBER - Michele Cook made a motion to appoint Kristi Koch as the new parent representative for 3-6 year olds. Motion carried.

- C. NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY - Kristi Koch volunteered to be SET Secretary.

- D. FEATURE TEACHER - Michele Cook, E-1, shared information with those present about Practical Life activities in the Montessori classroom and shared some examples of Practical Life works which students have done.

- E. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jennifer Morgan reported an ending balance of \$14,583.78 (See report at end of Minutes)

- F. VOLUNTEERS FOR OPEN HOUSE - the following people agreed to greet families and assist them in finding where they needed to go, in addition to providing information about SET, the night of Open House:

5:30-6:00 Chandra Cox
6:00-6:30 Mariah Strong
6:30-7:00 Kristi Koch

- G. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Joe Northwood/Jennifer Olson were absent, so information was shared by Jen Morgan

- RUMMAGE SALE is scheduled for Saturday September 18, 2010 from 7:00-3:00. Items may be dropped off Friday evening from 2:45-10:00. Jennifer Olson has filled out the building usage forms and will be making signs to put up during Open House, as well as flyers to be sent home.

Deb J. made a motion to approve \$50.00 for the cost of the newspaper article and \$200 in change, which will be reimbursed after the sale. Motion passed.

- H. SET DATE FOR JANUARY VISITATION DAY - Rene Jacobs-Guentner suggested Saturday January 15th from 9:30-11:00 as the Visitation Day, a day for parents to come learn about the Montessori Philosophy and register their children for the next year. Date was approved.
- I. DISTRICT WIDE PARENT MEETING - Danielle Sprain/Chandra Cox shared that the first meeting will be in September. They were thanked for serving on this committee.
- J. ROOSEVELT PTO AND MONTESSORI SET - Chandra Cox has agreed to take over counting the box tops and collection of other fundraising items (soup labels, water labels, Festival receipts,) She will make a poster of items which can be collected and brought to school, to be posted at the Open House.
- Dawn Como shared that the Franklin/Roosevelt PTO will be having a wellness theme this year to promote healthy lifestyles. They welcome us to join them.
- K. VERIFY EMAIL ADDRESSES/PHONE # FOR ALL SET MEMBERS on the committee sheet provided. The revised list will be attached to these minutes.
- L. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS: Knitting Club was brought up for discussion, but will be held until we have a better understanding of the Co-ex contracts available, as well as the health of Michelle Kennedy.

RECOMMEND TOPICS FOR NEXT SET MEETING:

- Outreach Committee report on the Coulee Montessori website

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:55 PM

Coulee Montessori SET Checking Report
August 19, 2010

Beginning Balance		\$15,326.83
Paid Out:		
River Valley Newspapers	\$	25.66
Gundersen Lutheran Foundation	\$	250.00
D. Sprain (knitting club reimb.)	\$	75.00
SDofLax (Perrot Park Bus)	\$	260.00
	\$	610.66
Deposits:		
Milk Caps/Box Tops	\$	57.16
Elizabeth M. Fischer Donation	\$	20.00
Late Rummage payment	\$	15.00
	\$	92.16
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 14,583.78</u>
Gina's Classroom		
Balance	\$	224.55