

March 2015 Minutes:

Anticipate PK enrollment full. Kindergarten is full with 1 on the waiting list. 3rd has 2 new. 5th grade sent information home for enrollment in CMAP asking for replies by 3/20/15. A parent in attendance shared a concern that their child cannot get entered into Montessori at Northside. Larry will look into that. (This has since been successfully resolved.)

Staff member presented student work showing the Timelines.

Committee Reports:

- 1) See Danielle's email regarding fundraising
- 2) Ann & Kim were not able to meet. Hoping to have Paul for inservice or parent meeting.
- 3) District Wide Parents met with John Forrester the lobbyist for public schools. He shared evidence based decisions not ideological decisions as focus for legislators.

Old Business:

- 1) Upcoming Playground committee to form. Likely to hold 6 meetings. Need to raise approximately \$50,000.
- 2) Laura has asked for a planning committee for Montessori Artistic presence. Likely to meet 10 times in the next year.
- 3) Contract Update: Completed and scheduled to be acted upon on 4/20 at the Board of Education meeting. Kim and Melissa will present and others are welcome to attend. (that date has since changed to May 4)

New Business:

- 1) Ms. Dodge asked for \$30 for research study on activities in Montessori adolescent classroom. APPROVED.
- 2) Mr. Shively asked for up to \$300 for E2 to go to the Science Center in St. Paul to cover bussing. APPROVED.
- 3) E2 Staffing. CM has asked for 2 staff for 35 students scheduled for E2 next year. Currently scheduled for 1.5 FTE teacher. Some

misunderstandings have occurred regarding the 1.0 TA currently used. Ratios at 4th & 5th grades district-wide are 23+. 2 FTE for 35 creates SAGE-like numbers. Laura supportive of our continuing to get staff. Ms. Dodge will need to talk about what the duties would be for the 1.0 person to be shared now between Lincoln (.5) and Northside (.5). Kim Shively will send out the 4th & 5th grade enrollment numbers for other district elementary schools. A meeting with Dr. Harcey on 3/23/15 has been schedule. Time yet TBD.

- 4) Parking information was shared regarding a city ordinance governing parking around Northside School. A concern has been raised regarding walking kids across Charles St. where traffic is very fast. CM wants all drops to be the same on all sides of the building, but the ordinance does not accomplish that. More investigating will happen and info will continue to be shared.
- 5) Montessori Website. Info is not populating well and is not up-to-date. Bennett will present ideas for SET maintaining their own website at next meeting.
- 6) Presidency is op next year. Roger does want to continue but wants what's best for the Board. He is in Chicago. He is not offended if others are interested.
- 7) School Choice Wisconsin has made an open records request of the District for all student names, grades and addresses. They are a voucher school supporter. If you want your child's name removed from their mailing list, you must call them and have your child's name removed. Kim has their information if needed.

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