

Coulee Montessori Governance Board Minutes

April 16, 2015; 5:40 – 7:30, Northside Elementary LMC

Call to order at 5:40

Attendance: Ann Epstein, Erin Hoy, Becky Misch, Bennett Myers, Michelle Sulentic, Kim Shively, Danielle Sprain, Melissa Murray, Roger Staffaroni (via Skype)

Teacher reps: Sara Jorgensen, Josh Shively

Guests in attendance/Public Comment: Rebecca Duncanson, Vie Matty, and Fern Neisius

Teacher Rep: Sara Jorgensen shared work from her E I class (e.g. timeline of life, butterfly life cycle, meridian maps, basic human needs)

Secretary's Report:

1. Kim will resend March minutes – to be approved through email vote.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$11,842.33

Paid Out:

Check 1369 Nine Dodge (approved book purchase)	\$ 29.95
Check 1370 Coulee Montessori Art (Amoreena's req. purchase)	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total:	\$379.95

Deposits:

None

Ending Balance: \$11,462.38

1. Money requests: Art: Deep Roots, \$400.00 M/S/P
2. Graduation Caps and Bracelets: up \$200.00 M/S/P

Principal McMahon's Report (for Laura Huber):

- Middle school enrollment: 6 5th graders are continuing to CMAP, 2 undecided
- Larry is working on SAGE renewal, hoping to finalize next week
- Working with Buildings and Grounds to add room divider to E2 classroom

Principal Murray's Report:

- Charter
 - SET should have a representative at the La Crosse district board meeting on May 4
 - Appendix A: Performance Criteria. Melissa shared copies of pages 9 and 16; asked board to consider assessments that should be included on family survey
 - Questions for Dr. Harcey:
 - What percentage is “substantial” in meeting goals?
 - How can district support Coulee Montessori to be more representative? (e.g. Hmong translations of key documents)
 - Dissemination (CM does not do this)
 - Is staffing adequate to support mission and vision?
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District-Wide Parent Committee:

1. No report

Fund Raising Committee:

1. Danielle Sprain sent report

Outreach Committee:

1. Request from Randy Nelson to speak March 10, 2016; news channel 8 coverage could occur March 11 with teachers; suggestion that PTO donate approximately \$3.50/teacher.
2. T-shirt, sweat shirt sales: goal to order and distribute by May 18 (picnic)

Education Committee:

1. Suggestion: Paul Epstein could assist with back to school meetings in August (possibly with Peace Education focus); Kim and Ann will follow up

Old/Unfinished Business

1. Charter renewal rubric appears clear; approval scheduled for May 4 (meeting begins at 6:00, Kim cannot stay)
2. CM Website:
 - Rene is willing to be liaison to school website
 - Bennett explained alternative of creating our own site, would cost around \$100.00, need to determine purpose
 - Discussion addressed pros and cons of using Facebook vs dedicated website
 - Costs (yearly fee, stipend for person to keep it current)
 - Possibility of posting student work including videos
 - Individuals who might be able to help with site design, content, pictures, and oversight
 - Bennett offered motion to form ad hoc committee to create a mock up to present at next meeting: M/S/P
3. Board elections
 - Fern and Ty are interested in running for board; by-laws say 6 to 9 members; several individuals mentioned as potential members;
4. EII staffing
 - Letter from Kim: mail to 3rd and 4th grade parents, send home in folders at other levels later with positive tone; send edits to Kim by Monday (April 20)
 - FT position to be shared between EII and Adolescent program, application closes April 22nd
 - Discussion ensued re: overall enrollment numbers at specific grade levels, targeting recruiting, importance of staying positive
5. Student drop-off: Becky has call into city, discussion addressed safety

New Business

1. Goals & Objectives/ End of Year Reports: due for May meeting
2. 2015 – 2016 meeting dates: Kim sent out, will be confirmed at May meeting
3. North Side Clinic Meeting: April 30 (6:00 PM, in school building). Debbie and Michelle S will attend

Announcements:

1. Debbie Dellenbach's retirement party, May 14, 4:00 – 6:00

2. Dinner for Laura and family on Monday, Apr. 20

Meeting adjourned at 7:30