

# SET Meeting 01/19/17

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January 19th, 2017 / 5:30 PM / Northside Coulee Montessori LMC

## ATTENDEES

Michelle Sulentic, Roger Staffaroni, Erin Hoy, Brian Merkey, Laura Huber, Melissa Murray, Jen Dellenbach, Stephanie Lepine, Ty Striebel, Bennett Myers, Josh Shively, Becky Misch, Danielle Sprain, Michelle Kennedy, Ann Epstein

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Last meetings minutes from October and November discussed and approved.

### New Business

- STUDENT WORKS: Jen Dellenbach presents her student works. Geometry is presented; parts of a triangle. Each student's work is passed around to show. Josh Shively also discusses geometry and how E1's lessons continue on into E2. Also shows hexa-flexa-gon's-- which were made by the fourth graders with our art teacher, Mrs. Rathkey. Fifth graders are working on transforming different geometric shapes with paper and folding, demonstrating fine motor skills, vocabulary, and complexity of the shapes. Josh also shows some artwork the students have worked on about archaeology. Ann Epstein will show at the Montessori conference at UWL this weekend.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Danielle Sprain (parent) speaks about the issue with overcrowdedness of Northside and how that affects Coulee Montessori. It has been talked about joining two Montessori E1 classrooms to make room for more Northside students. Montessori parents are concerned with this news. They would like more information on this possible decision. Parents also wish for a SET bulletin board with listed meeting times and dates and pictures of SET members. Danielle volunteers to put this bulletin board together. SET members agree and thank Danielle Sprain.
- Michelle Kennedy presents her Knitting Club. Passes out a scrapbook and shows materials and projects being made. She demonstrated a Montessori method of teaching her class. She states the class size of 10-12 students with one student helper is perfect. She wouldn't want anymore. Four students required scholarships. Price of \$25.00 seems perfect. No complaints. Michelle asks what to do for the next session. Possibly have two classes? A beginner class and now an advanced class or more of a continuing class for current students. The current class will end at the end of March. Michelle will let us know her thoughts/ideas at next SET meeting in February.
- Discussion for a motion for \$70.00 for Michelle Kennedy for her prep time. Group discussion says probably not pay prep time for the current session, but

can discuss for future sessions. Will discuss and vote on it at next meeting in February.

- Becky Misch talks about SET budget. Wants a motion for an approved budget. Teacher's individual budgets were discussed and to establish a deadline for asking for extra funds. Bennett suggests a "financial group or committee". Laura Huber offers help and is willing to meet with Becky Misch who volunteers to head this. Teacher budget is voted on and motion made and passed for the teacher's budget of \$200.00 per year. Laura Huber and Becky Misch will meet to finish the SET budget and present at next meeting in February.
- Principal's Report: Laura Huber; talks about overcrowding Northside. Randy Nelson says we need to make it work another year. Two E1 teachers will have to share a space. E2 would move downstairs. (Miss Stephanie talks about the positive aspects of joining two E1 classrooms and thinks it could work out very nicely) (Josh Shively also shares his positive opinion of moving down to the first level of the building and being closer to the other Montessori classrooms.)
- Roger encourages people to attend a Board meeting January 23rd at Hogan at 6:00pm to discuss their concerns of the overcrowding issues.
- SET talks about meeting with Northside PTO members to talk about the overcrowding issues. This would be in hopes to collaborate with other teachers and board members to come up with positive solutions. Becky Misch volunteers to reach out.
- Ty sent email and pictures of the concerning intersection at school and our request for a STOP sign. No response as of yet. Ty will follow up and try again.
- Outreach Committee reports a \$300.00 profit from t-shirt orders. Preparations for Montessori Week will be finalized and approved with teachers in upcoming weeks.
- Fundraising committee is looking for donations/baskets for auction at our Soup Supper on February 9th. Also asking for help/volunteering the night of the fundraiser. Coulee Montessori adolescent students will be asked to help with snack tables via email to Nine Dodge.
- Thinking ahead to upcoming year; Need new members for SET board. Many spaces to fill as terms are up.
- Reminder of Montessori Conference this Saturday January 21st at the Student Union at UWL.
- Reminder Soup Supper on February 9th at 4:30pm-8pm at Northside Coulee Montessori School in the cafeteria.

## ACTION ITEMS

Motion to pay for food and beverages provided to the teachers who met with Laura Huber after school on a committee approved for \$61.43.

Motion to pay for Knitting club approved for \$255.53

Motion to pay for Grow LaCrosse field trip costs \$366.00 approved.

Motion for teacher budget to be set at \$200.00 per year approved.

**\*\*CLOSED MEETING HELD AFTER ADJOURNMENT\*\***

## NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

SET meeting February 23rd at 5:30pm at Lincoln Middle School in the Adolescent classroom--3rd floor