

Coulee Montessori

SET MEETING 10/27/16

October 27th / 5:37 PM / Lincoln Middle

ATTENDEES

Roger Staffaroni, Brian Merkey, Ty Striebel, Ann Epstein, Erin Hoy, Stephanie, Bennett Myers, Melissa Murray, Fern Niesius

AGENDA

- STUDENT WORK: E2 has been working on a Timeline of Life focused on the History and Time of Needs of Defense. E1-E3 had Student writings.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Becky was not present
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Huber was not present, but Roger read a brief report in behalf of her.
- Principle Murray- Nine has a request for fieldtrip money for an April event. Pregnancy has changed their typical overnight outing plans. TBD. CM student registered for 7-8th grade is estimated at 30 students and 6th grade 30-38 students. A 2nd full-time position is in the possible works for next school year with the anticipation of Room #308 set to have 40+ students. A recruitment letter is being sent out to E2 parents in hopes to retain any future 6th graders.
- FUNDRAISING REPORT: Erin Hoy- Soup Supper report-unable to give a grand total on how much was raised without Becky here to report final details. The Soup Supper was a success, but a lower turnout than last year. We hope to push The Soup Supper for next year, during the Coulee Montessori Week in Late February- Early March. Our next fundraiser coming up is March 20th from 4-8pm at Burrachos in Onalaska.
- OUTREACH REPORT: Fern worked with Nick Marcou on the FB presence. We need to find a way to eliminate older FB CM pages that are not being used anymore. The main page truly needs to be attended to and more events could be added to keep everyone (parents/students/teachers) connected.
- DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTS: Bennett reported about Randy Nelson speaking on "Compressed Classrooms". Expect talk on a Referendum in 4 Years. Boundary talks are being stressed again and more than likely will be enforced for at least Northside for next year.
- Knitting Club Round 2 is in demand and would also seek more funding for the E1 group and possibly an E2 program.
- MONTESSORI CONFERENCE: Ann spoke on the success of the sponsored conference. The River Falls Montessori staff are interested in coming to La Crosse, next year, and do some strategic brainstorming on new topics to strengthen Coulee Montessori and the River Falls program.

- NEW BUSINESS: Roger and Brian spoke on behalf of Coulee Montessori at the School Board meeting. The Board did break silence and did recognize that we are not being ignored. For Coulee Montessori Week next year- thinking of offering the Montessori staff a gift of appreciation. Money for Bagels/Coffee or something along those lines would be nice.\$50.00 was an agreed amount.
- We'd like to invite the School Board to come visit our classrooms and observe our students and teachers.