

## **Coulee Montessori SET**

August 15, 2017 / 5:30pm / Northside LMC

### **ATTENDEES**

Bennett Myers, Brian Merkey, Elaine Phillips, Vie Matty, Jim Carlson, Erin Hoy, Sara Jorgenson, Amanda Luedtke, Nell Saunders-Scott, Josh Shively, Danielle Sprain, Ty Striebel, Michelle Sulentic

Absent: Laura Huber, Melissa Murray

Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Last Meeting Follow-Up**

July 3, 2017  
(Motion via Slack)

***Motion to support the back-to-school ice cream social on August 29 in the amount of \$130.***

***Brian Merkey/Danielle Sprain  
Motion Carried***

#### **Student Work**

Josh (E2) and Sara (E1) split summer classes this year. The focus was on math, research and presentation of materials. Sara provided a brief bio on the new E1 teacher, Melanie Stanczyk, who will be replacing Stephanie. She assisted in Children's House over the summer, and will be working on her Montessori certification over the next few years.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Elaine shared minutes from the informal meeting in June.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Vie and Becky met for orientation and transfer of bank account information. Creating an annual budget from the checkbook ledger was discussed as a goal for the upcoming year. Bennett will post the current ledger to Slack. A motion was made to create a Finance Committee consisting of Vie, Bennett, Amanda, Danielle, and Becky.

***Motion to form a Finance Committee.***

***Bennett Myers/Jim Carlson  
Motion Carried***

## Principal's Report

No report available in Laura Huber's absence.

Bennett provided an update for Melissa Murray. Enrollment is steady, will cap at 45 students. The new teacher, Laura Davis, comes from a Montessori background and should be a good fit. Their open house is August 30.

## Committee Reports

1. Fundraising: Erin provided a letter outlining how parents can help with fundraising. She will also post on Slack. She would like to distribute the letter to families when school begins. The Fundraising Committee will consist of Amanda, Erin and Ty.
2. Outreach: Michelle provided an update on the "school store". She and Amy Merkey ordered items for the upcoming open house (rope bags, bumper stickers, t-shirts, water bottles). Michelle will review the invoice and provide pricing at the September meeting. She also suggested creating a "Montessori Week" banner to display at events. Our Facebook name has changed to Coulee Montessori Charter School. Nell will be added as an Admin on the account. The Outreach Committee will consist of Michelle and Nell.
3. Education: No report available in Alyssa Boardman's absence. Michelle provided information about UW-L's 2018 Montessori conference, as well as a funding request. This request was tabled for a future meeting.
4. District-Wide Parents: Nothing current to report, Bennett will provide an update in September.

## Old/Unfinished Business

Building update: Bennett shared Randy Nelson's message regarding a new location and a three year plan, but did not confirm a specific location. He's also been in touch with Dawn Comeau (School Board member), who understands our concerns and says there continues to be ongoing discussions. The need for improving communication was discussed, as well as the need for a Montessori presence at each meeting. Elaine will forward school board agendas to the board. The next meeting is August 21. A motion was made to create an ad hoc Relocation Committee. The committee will consist of Brian, Danielle, Elaine, and Nell.

***Motion to form an Ad Hoc Relocation Committee.***

***Bennett Myers/Michelle Sulentic  
Motion Carried***

## New Business

Josh and Sara provided an update on E1 and E2 classroom changes. E1 will maintain their current classrooms on the first floor. E2 will remain on the second floor, but move to two classrooms that have a shared space between them.

Open Meeting laws and notifying the public of our board meetings were discussed. Agendas will be posted on Facebook.

Discussion followed regarding the Open House and placement of our information table/school store. It was decided to keep the table in the cafeteria.

Brian provided an update on the Charles / Rublee Street intersection. He spoke with Andrea Richmond, Council person for the Northside. She explained that any request for stop signs requires a study. She and others are trying to eliminate that part of the process. Brian will keep us updated.

Bennett recapped his meeting regarding the Coulee Recovery Center (posted on Slack) and mentioned the upcoming meeting to address parent concerns on Thursday at 7:00pm.

Committee structure was discussed and a formal process created to make the best use of meeting time.

***Motion to direct Committees to meet at least once between Board meetings. Minutes from Committees are due to the President of the Board by the Wednesday prior to the full Board meeting. The President will compile and distribute minutes to the Board.***

***Bennett Myers/Michelle Sulentic  
Motion Carried***

#### **Election of Officers**

***Motion to vote on the below slate of Officers for 2017/2018:***

***President – Bennett Myers  
Vice-President – Brian Merkey  
Secretary – Elaine Phillips  
Treasurer – Vie Matty***

***Nell Saunders-Scott/Amanda Luedtke  
Motion Carried***

***Motion to adjourn.  
Time 6:53 pm***

***Bennett Myers/Michelle Sulentic  
Motion Carried***