

Coulee Montessori SET

January 16, 2018 / 5:30pm / Lincoln

ATTENDEES

Bennett Myers, Brian Merkey, Elaine Phillips, Vie Matty, Jim Carlson, Jenny Dellenbach, Nine Dodge, Erin Hoy, Laura Huber, Amanda Luedtke, Melissa Murray, Danielle Sprain, Ty Striebel, Michelle Sulentic

Absent: Alyssa Boardman, Nell Saunders-Scott

Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

AGENDA

Recognize Those in Attendance / Public Comment

None.

REMINDER: Keep in mind that new board members will be needed as we go into the 2018/2019 school year. Spread the word!

Board Education Minute

Nothing new to report.

Student Work

Jenny noted that 3rd grade students are studying the fundamental needs of humans, and the difference between wants and needs. She shared student projects exploring these issues.

Nine said their focus has been on nutrition and health, as well as discussions on meals and cooking. She shared student projects researching vitamins and minerals. She also talked about math, economic independence and business. She mentioned that she has been struggling with low productivity, and because of this she is thinking of modifying the upcoming lock-in to just a reunion from 6-10pm. After discussion, it was decided to limit the event to an evening reunion. Cooking has been an incentive for good behavior!

Secretary's Report

Michelle presented minutes from December that she took in Elaine's absence. She was called in to work and had to leave early, but the remainder of the December meeting focused on fundraising.

Motion to approve minutes from November 14, 2017.

Bennett Myers/Jim Carlson

Motion Carried

***Motion to approve minutes from December 19, 2017.
Bennett Myers/Amanda Luedtke
Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report

***Motion to approve treasurer's report for December 2017.
Bennett Myers/Amanda Luedtke
Motion Carried***

Principal's Report

Ms. Murray mentioned that a plan is in place for more space next year. She will announce details in March, but noted that the new space will need supplies. Enrollment is at or above expected numbers. She noted the upcoming parent meeting round table on Monday January 22 at 6:00pm to discuss school data and report cards. PTO meets at 7:00pm on the same night.

Ms. Huber provided an update on several topics. Rene will be gone the rest of the year. A sub will be hired to cover through June 2. Three candidates will be interviewed tomorrow, with the sub starting January 29. She has been working with Mariah on training and supplies. She noted the upcoming Muffins with Laura. Enrollment for kindergarten is full, 24 were accepted into the program with a wait list of 3 – 4 children. She also mentioned the upcoming Family Night with Hans Mayer.

Committee Reports

1. Finance: Vie provided an overview and noted an operating balance of \$5,186.49.
2. Fundraising: Amanda reminded people to update Google docs with fundraising details. She will meet tomorrow with those available at Java Vino. A meeting will also be held on Sunday February 25 after lunch at Old Towne Strings to organize and prepare donated items. Facebook will be boosted closer to the event.
3. Outreach: Michelle will work on notification to parents and will add the Soup Supper as an event on Facebook.
4. Education: Jim noted that the Montessori conference was well received and attended. He also provided an update on Education Night. Laura said the school district could provide \$100 for food. It was suggested that the adolescents make and provide food for the event. Signs for the Soup Supper could be posted at this event as well.
5. Relocation Committee: As the relocation of CM is on hold once again, the focus of this group will be the possible transition of CM Elementary to the 45-15 school day. Danielle stated that it would not begin July 2019 as suggested. Teachers have provided a 100% response, with feedback needed from only two more. The Board voted, most felt it was a positive move and would support the teachers. A survey would be helpful to determine parent preference. A letter will be drafted to parents with details, noting that a survey will be provided in the near future.

- District-Wide Parents: Bennett did not attend, but discussion followed about possible seed money from the Education Foundation.

Mariah is requesting \$100 for transportation to attend "Freedom Riders" at Viterbo.

***Motion to approve \$100 for transportation to Viterbo for "Freedom Riders".
Bennett Myers/Elaine Phillips
Motion Carried***

Continuing Business

None.

New Business

The Real Girls program is requesting \$300 for their upcoming season. The request was tabled awaiting further information. Danielle will ask Regan to provide more details at a future meeting.

***Motion to adjourn.
Time 7:18 pm***

***Elaine Phillips/Michelle Sulentic
Motion Carried***