

## **Coulee Montessori SET**

March 20, 2018 / 5:30pm / Lincoln

### **ATTENDEES**

#### SET Members:

Bennett Myers, Brian Merkey, Elaine Phillips, Vie Matty, Alyssa Boardman, Jim Carlson, Erin Hoy, Danielle Sprain, Ty Striebel, Nell Saunders-Scott, Michelle Sulentic

Absent: Amanda Luedtke

#### Principals:

Laura Huber, Melissa Murray

#### Teachers:

Jenny Dellenbach, Josh Shively

#### Parents:

Mary Ann Phalen

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

### **AGENDA**

Recognize Those in Attendance / Public Comment

Principal's Report

#### **Ms. Huber:**

- Reminder to families about Charles Street drop offs.
- The concert has been changed from April 26 to April 22.
- Preparing for Forward Testing in April.
- Miss. Michelle will help with Children's House for the next four weeks, then evaluate.
- E2 visited the Hmong Cultural Center, and are studying Wisconsin history.
- Children's House was visited by Humane Society therapy dogs, also visited the library.
- E1 is studying the Great Lesson.
- Ms. Renee update – nothing new/definite at this time.

#### **Ms. Murray:**

- 6th grade enrollment is stable at 11/12.
- 39 students currently enrolled in Montessori. Space discussion on hold pending staffing decisions.
- 8th grade graduation is June 1, still working on specifics.
- Beauty and the Beast performance Friday night and Saturday.
- Large group choir tonight.
- The student walk out on Wednesday March 14 went smoothly; teachers were not involved in planning. About 60-70 students participated.

## Board Education Minute

Bennett noted how impressed he has been - this is the best example of a working board he has seen.

## Student Work

Jenny shared book and sculpture examples of 1<sup>st</sup> grade work on land/water geography. She provided an overview of other student activities.

Josh noted work on math and the need for more abstracting. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is working on fractions. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is working on decimals, multiplication and division; as well as science and botany. Upcoming field trip to see musical on Thursday, E2 lunch will lunch with CMAP. Looking forward to the Madison trip. Forward Testing coming up in April, working on keyboarding skills. Good routines, no complaints!

Michelle praised the E2 panel at Parent Education Night. Kudos to Ms. Huber's ukulele club as well!

## Secretary's Report

Minutes were amended to include Danielle Sprain as attending the February meeting. Thanks again to Brian for taking the February minutes!!!

***Motion to approve minutes from February 26, 2018.  
Bennett Myers / Michelle Sulentic  
Motion Carried***

## Treasurer's Report

Vie noted an operating balance of \$9,081.72.

***Motion to approve treasurer's report for March 2018.  
Bennett Myers / Danielle Sprain  
Motion Carried***

## Committee Reports

1. Finance: Brian is creating a guide for the budget. The Soup Supper raised almost \$4,000.
2. Fundraising: Ty noted that the Soup Supper went well. Great music!  
Possible ideas/changes for next year:
  - Sell Montessori stuff
  - New bidding system, have a "buy now" table with bakery items, stagger auction end times by table
  - Use school dishes instead of paper
3. Outreach: Brian will have another order before end of school year, with samples at the family picnic. Book fair went well, thanks Amy!!! Email Nell or Amanda with posts for Facebook. Nell opened an email account for Coulee Montessori, but it's not actively used.
4. Education: Jim – Parent Education night went well with positive feedback. Thanks to CMAP for the food, and UW-L students for childcare.

Ideas for future programs:

- More information about curriculum
  - What can be done at home to support Montessori philosophy
  - Social networking , book club
  - Transition from E2 to CMAP, CMAP to high school
  - How we combine modern technology with Montessori philosophy
  - Hold twice a year, more hands on, teacher involvement, classrooms tours
- Alyssa mentioned a new two year online/face-to-face teacher training program for elementary/preschool.

5. Relocation Committee: Danielle provided a summary and poll results. 64 Montessori families responded with 65-69% responding yes. The committee will wait to hear results from Ms. Huber before making phone calls to families.
6. District-Wide Parents: None.

Michelle provided a CMAP update from the last meeting. Things have calmed down. Paul Epstein's visit was discussed, and how best to use his time in the future. Michelle will reach out to him regarding his schedule.

***Motion to approve \$750 for Paul Epstein's evening session.***

***Michelle Sulentic / Erin Hoy***

***Motion Carried***

Funding request for Children's House field trip:

***Motion to approve \$100 for Children's House to attend annual Storytelling in the Park.***

***Bennett Myers / Nell Saunders-Scott***

***Motion Carried***

### **Continuing Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Possible family picnic at beginning of school year in September?

Code of Ethics on April agenda.

***Motion to adjourn.***

***Time 7:25 pm***

***Bennett Myers / Michelle Sulentic***

***Motion Carried***