

Coulee Montessori Governance Board (SET) Agenda

January 15, 2019 @ 5:30pm Coulee Montessori

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Present: Brian Merkey, Nell Saunders- Scott, Vie Matty, Amanda Luedtke, Jim Carlson, Kraig McCoy, Meredith McCoy, Carol Powell, Peter Stovall, Nathan Warnberg, Laura Huber, Mariah Bigelow, Laura Carlson

Not Present: Elaine Petersen, Alyssa Boardman, Melissa Murray

- I. Call to Order @ 5:32
- II. Board of Ed Updates: N/A
- III. Presentation of Student Works by Mrs. Mossholder (Children's House), Mrs. Carlson (CMAP), and Ms. Bigelow (E2)

Officer Reports

1. *Secretary's Report:* November 2018 Minutes approved
2. *Principals' Reports:*
 - a. Laura on enrollment for Kindergarten ... #s are down (per the early registration period deadline back on Dec. 21, 2018): only 2 students from La Crosse Montessori Pre-school. Discussion on potential factors (e.g., perceived view of instability at LMP and/or CM)
3. *Treasurer's Report:*
 - . Vie provided a summary of December and January treasury reports and noted an operational balance of \$5261.40
 - a. Motions Approved [Nell makes motions; Nathan seconds motions]
 - i. to approve December 2018 & January 2019 treasurer reports
 - ii. to approve conference registration fee (\$70)
 - iii. To approve \$50 [up to \$75] for teacher appreciation [DPI]

Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee [Kraig]
 - a. The committee is also looking into obtaining a raffle license for the Soup Supper. It is unclear how long it takes to receive the license, but if it is not available in time for the Soup Supper, we would at least have it for future fund raising.
2. Fundraising [Amanda]
 - . Milk Moola program is ending soon.
 - a. Soup Supper Big Ideas
 - i. Discussion on Kids Table/Craft Table ... maybe will include a raffle component.
 - ii. *No Free-For-All:* Instead of including dessert as part of the meal ... a nut-free bake sale
 - iii. *Green Initiative:* Bring your own dishware to the event
 - b. Updated letters from Amanda and Brian for soliciting donations from local businesses and local talent
 - c. Emcee for the Event? Brian suggested someone grab the mic at some point and provide a message: This is why we are here, etc...
 - . Could be Brian (Nell will write the script); could be Amanda since she's already had dreams about being the emcee; could be a student who is worried about not being able to go on field trips
3. Outreach [Nell]

. We made several Facebook posts during the month and submitted content for the newsletter. Please bring your requests for FB posts and newsletter content to the meeting. Also, we're anticipating that action items that come out of discussion around the Enrollment and Montessori Community agenda items may involve our committee in this coming month, so looking forward to those conversations at the meeting.

a. Discussion on putting out a Coulee Montessori newsletter distributed to La X Montessori [perhaps one in the fall; one in the spring]. This newsletter would be CM & CMAP. Brian suggests sending one out after the Soup Supper.

b. Letterhead & Letterbottom: In addition to having the CM logo on letterhead, Brian suggested we put a statement (e.g., serving students in the SDL since 1999; "Exceeds Expectation" for the WI DPI in 2018!) on the bottom of our correspondence.

4. Education [Jim]

. Conference presentation reflection: connected with teachers/admins from La Crescent, MN; Madison, WI; Tomah, WI; and Cedar Falls, IA

. Key ideas: STEM and/or Montessori Math & Science night; "Moving up" night; Silent Journey; Invite Grandparents

a. Spring showing of "Inside Montessori" - date in April (maybe a Wed [3, 10, 17] or Th [4, 11, 18]) and location (perhaps La X Montessori? La X Public Library? Rivoli? English Lutheran church?)

We will target Th, April 4

i. Event will include: meal, child care, press release (through Nick Marcou)

b. In the future, look into purchasing the film ("Inside Montessori") through a LPEF grant.

5. District-Wide Parents [Nell]

. Recent presentation on Love & Logic at the most recent meeting.

a. There are two slots available for the district-wide parent meetings. Brian and Nathan have expressed interest in serving as the 2nd body on the committee for the board.

Continuing Business

1. Soup Supper updates (covered above)

New Business

1. Conference reflections:

a. Nathan attended a "Math Bead" workshop at the conference. He is open to talking with others (e.g., parents, teachers, admins) about math beads and making algebraic concepts more concrete.

2. Montessori Week activities:

. Occurs during the same week as Soup Supper. Could we send home a quote a day, and perhaps a paragraph a day from a CM teacher about Montessori education?

a. Brian will stuff mailboxes for this.

3. DPI School Report Card

. On recent report card, CM received the "Exceeds Expectations" mark.

4. Enrollment

. Discussion on drafting a letter for LMP to send to Jill at LMP. Laura will check on what was sent to LMP, and be in touch with Brian for next steps ... deadline of 2/1.

5. Montessori Community (CM/LMP)

. Looking ahead to future collaborations with LMP: Brian is looking to strengthen the relationship/partnership between LMP and CM.

i. Community-building events; picnics; reunions; etc.

Announcements

Adjourned @ 7:28 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 19 @ Lincoln Middle School CMAP Classroom

Funding Requests

- Montessori Conference reimbursements (\$70)
- Playground equipment (\$300)
- Teacher appreciation for DPI Report Card (Panera?) (\$50-75)

Community-Building Events Calendar

- Soup Supper: Tuesday, February 26th
- Parent Education Night II in April (Th, April 4)
- CM Concert, HPL/Art Nights in April
- Spring Picnic in May

Future SET Meeting Schedule

- February 19 @ Lincoln
- March 19 @
CM
- April 16 @ Lincoln
- May 21 @ CM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Carlson