

Coulee Montessori SET

September 19, 2018 / 5:30pm / Northside LMC

ATTENDEES

SET Members:

Brian Merkey, Nell Saunders-Scott, Vie Matty, Elaine Phillips, Jim Carlson, Amanda Luedtke, Kraig McCoy, Meredith McCoy

Absent:

Alyssa Boardman

Principals:

Laura Huber, Melissa Murray

Teachers:

Jenny Dellenbach, Sara Jorgensen

Brian called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

AGENDA

Recognize Those in Attendance / Public Comment

Guest parents:

Carol Powell

Peter Stovall

Nathan Warnberg

Board Education Updates

None.

Student Work

Miss Jenny:

- 2nd Great Lesson
- Parts of a volcano – drawings

Ms. Sara:

- 1st Great Lesson – dioramas
- Big Bang

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve minutes from August 21, 2018.

Brian Merkey /Amanda Luedtke

Motion Carried

Principal's Report

Ms. Huber:

- Great start to our school year - very smooth!
- Lunch is now scheduled for 30 minutes for all students followed by 30 minutes of recess.
- We were able to keep 143 as an extra art room. Music classes are taught in the homeroom for half of the school year.
- We are working on a modified meeting protocol this year which includes our instructional coach Shelly Long (supporting classrooms primarily with literacy and math as appropriate).
- The La Crosse Fire Department visited with a fire house and a fire truck today.
- E2 is working on the 2nd Great Lesson (The Story of Life on Earth). 5th graders started Safety Patrol. CM visit to Deep Roots Community Farm on Monday.
- E1 students have heard 2 of 5 Great Lessons. Each classroom teacher is telling one great lesson each Friday until finished.
- CH is enjoying the increase in staffing.
- Building use forms are needed for meetings and events at NS (and likely Lincoln also).

Ms. Murray:

- Great start, new spaces – one room divided into two.
- Laura Davis is now Laura Davis Carlson.
- Current move to Apple TV technology.
- Reciprocal Teaching was explained.
- Friday is Day of Peace.
- Fundraising for Valley Fair in May.
- Numbers holding steady.

Treasurer's Report

Vie provided a summary and noted an operating balance of \$3,389.58.

Motion to approve treasurer's reports for August, 2018 and the following funding requests:

\$171 – visit to UW-L Planetarium

\$528 – E1 / E2 trip to Deep Roots Community Farm

Elaine Phillips /Amanda Luedtke

Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Finance:

- Brian shared a budget spreadsheet, discussion and suggestions followed.

Fundraising:

- Amanda will check dates for Burrachos fund raiser in October/November.
- Original Works fundraiser will continue.
- Box tops and milk moola will be promoted more heavily this year.
- Amanda will look into continuing Kwik Trip scrips.

Outreach:

- School website has been updated.
- Events and fundraising will continue to be promoted throughout the year.
- Need photos!

Education:

- October Parent Education Night - partnering with Parenting Place and Michael Scott.
- Food and beverages for Parent Education Night were discussed, NS provides \$100 for event.
- Apply for La Crosse Community Foundation grants?

District-Wide Parents:

- Nell attended the meeting at Emerson and provided a summary.

Continuing Business

Montessori Conference Proposal: Our proposal was accepted! Conference date January 12, 2019.

New Business

Monthly Newsletter: Nell is working with Ms. Huber to provide an e-newsletter to families.

Planning for teacher meal at conferences: Nell will arrange an online sign up for the October 18 conferences.

Create 45/15 Calendar Workgroup: (Brian, Nathan, Kraig and Pete)

Miss Jenny and Ms Sara will discuss with teachers and provide feedback to the board.

Create Enrollment Process Workgroup: Tabled for future discussion.

Merchandise items: Brian shared a brochure with logo items from a new vendor.

The three parent guests are interested in the open board positions and will submit letters of interest to Brian.

Announcements

None.

Adjourn:
Time 7:40pm

Elaine Phillips /Amanda Luedtke
Motion Carried