

School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 9/17/19

Nathan Warnberg, Secretary

In Attendance

Quorum is present (at least 2/3 of the board members and one teacher)

- Brian Merkey (President)
- Carol Powell (Vice President)
- Nell Saunders-Scott (Treasurer)
- Nathan Warnberg (Secretary)
- Amanda Luedtke
- Amy Sloan
- Beth Crammond
- Alison Prohn
- Alyssa Boardman
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
- Laura Carlson (CMAP)
- Mariah Bigelow (CM)
- Diane Ladwig (LMP)

Abbreviations

- School Effectiveness Team (SET)
- La Crosse Montessori Pre-School (LMP)
- Coulee Montessori (CM)
- Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program (CMAP)
- Children's House (CH)
- Elementary One (E1), grades 1 - 3
- Elementary Two (E2), grades 4 -5
- North Side Elementary (NS)

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by President Brian Merkey.
- Introductions
- Approval of agenda/additions

Public Comments/Guests

- Team photo, postponed
- LMP Collaboration, Diane Ladwig
 - Invited us to publicize/attend LMP open on Thursday, September 19 at 5:30pm (time??)
 - Would like more connections with CM and CMAP, new to the job, would like more connection to our community
 - We will make a point to extend invitations to LMP families for all of our events.
- Alison and Michelle are looking for parent volunteers to help print and staple children's books

Presentations of student work

- Alison presented from E1, they are working on the Great Lessons
- Nikki presented from CH, focusing on community building, friendships and comfort. They are doing her traditional painted lady caterpillar lesson.
- Mariah present from E2, Great Lessons have HUGE projects/posters on the first lesson (story of the universe) and the second lesson (life on Earth).
- Laura Carlson from CMAP, working on international peace symbols, writing personal narratives and the virtues project

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report (Nathan)

- Approval of August minutes (delayed)

Principal's Report

- Laura Huber
 - Strong CM numbers, new special ed teacher, new lunch schedule/seating arrangement
 - NS going on intersession in a couple of weeks should not affect CM
- Melissa
 - CMAP numbers are down to 25, there were 40 last year, only 6 sixth graders
 - Need at least 32 - 35 for next year
 - Budget is smaller for CMAP because of so few students, SET is aware and will help when we can
 - Recruiting and advertising will need to pick up, several suggestions were made about how to show-off what CMAP is already doing that is great for students.
 - On the up side, the school has a very positive energy

Treasurers report (Nell)

- September report given
- Brian moved and Carol seconded to allocate the traditional \$350 per classroom for supplies (10 classrooms) for a total of \$3,500. This motion was approved unanimously.
- Move to approve September's treasurer's report by Brian, seconded by Amanda. This motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Updates

Finance Committee (Brian)

- Working on getting debit card(s) to make reimbursements easier
- 2 months of fee for credit card swiper has been reimbursed
- No more credit card swiper needed until soup/supper

Fundraising (Amanda)

- Recruited Amy Sloan
- Discussed new boxtop app, just scan receipt
- Original works is off to a good start
- Mariah and the art teacher are working on a plant sale for spring
- Discussed scrip cards
- Soup/Supper update
- DQ still has not gotten our money to us
- Barrachos in October and November (Amanda will lead this)

Outreach (Brian)

- Needs members, Josh, Carol and Amy are interested
- Make sure events are posted on FaceBook, communicate with Annika (sp?) about events

Education (Alyssa)

- Needs more members
- Think about what we want to do in the spring

District Wide Parents (Nathan, Nell)

- Community store at NS/CM is amazing
- CM will be featured on Feb. 11

Continuing Business

Assign Committee Members

- Brian moved and Amanda seconded a motion to have Beth/Eric Crammond and Amy Sloan be official members of SET. The motion passed unanimously.

Enrollment Updates

- Already discussed

Final Fall Parent Ed Night Plans (Brian)

- October 3, 6:30 - 8:30pm at the CM library, showing the Inside Montessori film
- Laura Huber is going to double check that we have the building use form filed
- No child care.
- Everyone will bring a snack
- Amanda will bring plates, cups and napkins
- Alyssa will modify the flyer
- The event will be posted on Facebook (Nell/Amy)
- 6pm set up time (Nathan, etc.)

Draw winning merchandize names

- Sonia
- Tiffany Merchaust
- Eric and Angie Triggz
- Brian has contact info and will reach out to them

New Business

Planning for October conferences

- Monday, October 14 NS PTO is providing a taco bar
- Thursday, October 17, CM will make soups, bread, etc.
- Nell will get last years numbers to Beth
- Beth will email signup genius two weeks before hand

CM Merchandize ordering

- Need more black and white copies for teachers to give away to kids and for themselves (Brian)
- Put some of the gear in a display case at CM (Brian)
- Put t-shirts on FaceBook (Amy)
- Bring some order forms and display item to CMAP

Communication

- Continue with both Slack and email

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brian Merkey, seconded by Nathan Warnberg. Motion passed unanimously.