

School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 10/22/19

Nathan Warnberg, Secretary

In Attendance

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

- Brian Merkey (President)
- Nell Saunders-Scott (Treasurer)
- Nathan Warnberg (Secretary)
- Amanda Luedtke
- Kraig McCoy
- Amy Sloan
- Beth Crammond
- Alyssa Boardman
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
- Laura Carlson (CMAP)
- Mariah Bigelow (CM)
- Michelle Cook (CM)
- Guests
 - Six students from the Student Leadership Team

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 5:36 pm by President Brian Merkey.
- Introductions
- Approval of agenda/additions

Public Comments/Guests

- Student Leadership Team funding request (Mariah and students)
- Team photo

Presentations of student work

- Mariah (E2)
 - place value, powers of 10, cell structure
- Michelle (E1)
 - lines and angles, calendars, self-timeline
- Laura Carlson (CMAP)
 - indigenous people, water density

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report (Nathan)

- Brian moved, Amanda seconded to approve of August and September minutes, unanimous support

Principal's Report

- Laura Huber
 - Discussed Coulee Montessori School Improvement plan
 - Addressed glitches with Skyward and other affects switching the Northside calendar has introduced
 - Laura will get the SET a list of things we can focus on to support the school improvement plan
- Melissa Murray
 - Discussed John Hattie's research and how it will guide their school improvement plan.
 - Focus will be on three categories: helping students track their own progress, focus on professional learning communities, belief in children's abilities

Treasurers report (Nell)

- \$130 funding request from the student leadership team
- funding request of \$80 per interested teacher and principal for the Montessori Conference. Early bird date is December 11. Interested parties will look at registration information and that info will be forwarded to Nell who will register everyone
- request to rollover some of Kelcey Mossholder's annual funds from last year due to her absence
- request for \$250 to fund family visit night for pizza, plates, bananas etc.
- Brian moved, Kraig seconded that all funding requests be approved, unanimous support

Committee Updates

Finance Committee (Nell)

- We have our raffle license

Fundraising (Amanda)

- Baracho's on Monday, October 28
- Boxtops APP for phones, can scan receipts instead of turning in physical copies
- Never do a DQ fundraiser, after 8 months of a back-and-forth we finally got our money
- E1 art teacher is leaving, hopefully it will not impact our original works fundraiser

Outreach (Nell/Amy/Carol)

- Nell will post outreach operating document
- Discussed advertising for display case, maybe CM merchandise

Education (Alyssa)

- Parent Ed Night, Inside Montessori, was not successful
- In the future we should offer dinner and child enrichment if possible
- We are considering collecting ideas from parents about what they want to hear about, maybe a quick survey at the Parent Ed Night on November 12 or a email survey
- Maybe another CMAP panel
- Family visit night

District Wide Parents (Nathan, Nell)

- District wide social studies revamp from K-12. More about asking questions as opposed to memorizing facts. The new curriculum is impressive. They are going to historically marginalized groups and asking what stories they would like to be included in the curriculum.
- New food policy, only USDA Smart Snacks allowed on school days from midnight until 30 minutes after school.
- Part of the new food policy is aimed at eliminating allergic reactions which means the elimination of homemade snacks for celebrations.
- La Crosse school district is behind the state in a sense, most of the rest of the state already has stricter food policies.

Continuing Business

Enrollment Workgroup Updates

- CMAP open house on November 12, 6 - 7pm, Amy will make this a public event on FaceBook

Debrief Conference Meal

- Everything was great, suggest recipes next year, there was plenty of food

Charter Renewal Updates

- No news yet, only good news is expected

Bylaw re-revision

- Moved by Brian, seconded by Nell to update bylaws to align our calendar with the fiscal calendar

New Business

Connecting with Prospective Families

- Talk to Annika about what we give prospective families (Brian)

Parent help for Nov. 14 picture retakes

- Need parent help for retakes on November 14th

Read-a-Thon

- Sara would like some help, November 22 - December 2
- Counting money, help advertising (Amanda will ask Jim to do this)
- Second largest fundraiser of the year
- We should promote this on FaceBook, at our tables, etc.
- Mention Read-a-Thon at family night
- Mariah will tell Sara to reach out Amy and Amanda if she needs anything

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Nell, Seconded by Brian at 7:24pm, passed unanimously.