

# School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 1/19/2021

Nathan Warnberg, Secretary

## In Attendance

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

- Brian Merkey (Acting President)
- Nell Saunders-Scott (Treasurer)
- Nathan Warnberg (Secretary)
- Barb Silbaugh
- Amy Merkey
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
- Mariah Bigelow (CM)
- Deanna Maynard (Community Representative, UWL)
- Jenny Dellenbach (CM)

## Abbreviations

- School Effectiveness Team (SET)
- Coulee Montessori (CM), grades 4K - 5
- Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program (CMAP), grades 6 - 8
- Children's House (CH), 4K and Kindergarten
- Elementary One (E1), grades 1 - 3
- Elementary Two (E2), grades 4 -5
- North Side Elementary (NS)
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
- CRVA (Coulee Region Virtual Academy)

## Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 5:33pm by President Brian Merkey via Zoom.
- Approval of agenda/additions

## **Officer Reports**

### **Secretary's Report**

- Brian moves to approve the 11/17/2020 minutes as is, Nell seconds, passes unanimously.

### **Principal's Reports**

- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
  - Face-to-Face (F2F) starts tomorrow (January 20)
  - Working hard at communicating so families
  - Lots of contingency and back-up plans
  - Excited and anxious
  - Enrollment is down, need to get brochures out to the public
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
  - CMAP will start a week and a half later (February 1)
  - A day and B day schedule
  - There will be a buddy system to help students navigate
  - Trying limit as much interaction/mixing of students as possible as an abundance of caution

### **Treasurers report**

- Non-profit 990 for 2020 has been submitted by Nell
- Brian moves to approve treasurer's report, Amy seconds, passes unanimously.

## **Specific Business**

### **Debrief of Dr. Engel Presentation**

- Thanks to everyone, it went well
- Don't forget about this presentation for the future

### **Fundraising Discussion**

- Read-A-Thon went really well
- We should keep brainstorming on this front
- What about a spelling bee or a geography bee, etc.?
- Math-A-Thon!!!

- Food truck available then ate together viz Zoom, could we do some sort of soup-supper replacement
- Hard to get a sense of how interested families are to do a fundraiser since everyone is so disconnected
- Communication is still a big struggle
- Barb's husband has a food truck and they know other Food Truck owners that we might be able/willing to participate.
- Food Truck might not work great at Lincoln that well since there is not much parking, although there is a Mayo parking lot that has been used in the past as long as we communicate.
- What could we pair with the Food Truck to get families there, for example, could it be paired with student showcase.
- What time would we want the Food Truck, could we overlap with pick-up time, is that too early? Could we have a 2 hour period from right after pick-up just after 5pm.
- To help raise more money we could send messages to both the community at large and to the Montessori community.
- Barb will talk to a few people to see how many families/meals they would need in order for it to make financial sense for them.
- Should we try and do one fundraiser per month, spread out the fundraisers, yes, push them back past February since things will be rather hectic when school gets back up and running.
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## **Outreach Discussion**

- Enrollment is down
- Laura will be getting us access to the Montessori brochure
- Laura will touch base with Nick Marcoux to create a virtual tour of Coulee Montessori
- We will get short video clips from CH, E1 and E2 by next Tuesday (January 26), any other type of media (pictures etc.) is also a good idea.
- Amy will be the contact fo Nick Marcoux, if he does not have time to put it together (by February 1), Mariah is willing to help us out.

## **SET Membership**

- Nell, Brian and Nathan have been on SET for several years and are all interested in retiring, but that is a lot of institutional knowledge
- How do we get more interested parents?
- Mid-February have teachers send us some names of parents that might be interested

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Nathan, seconded by Nell at 6:44pm, passes unanimously.