

School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 8/18/2020

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
- Beth Crammond
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
- Laura Carlson (CMAP)
- Mariah Bigelow (CM)
- Guests
 - Rebecca Misch

Abbreviations

- School Effectiveness Team (SET)
- La Crosse Montessori Pre-School (LMP)
- 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 5:36pm by Acting President Brian Merkey via Zoom.
- Approval of agenda/additions

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report (Nathan)

- Nell moves to approve the 5/21/2020 minutes as is, Brian seconds, passes unanimously.

Principal's Report

- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
 - No Report
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
 - Each child will get individual school supplies
 - Soft start will include meetings with families and will serve as a way to get any needed supplies to students (that are doing virtual).
 - CRVA children also have a 'slow start'
 - CM Teachers met with a 'coach' to help figure out how to share their learning implements safely
 - Generous \$2000 donation for supplies
 - Suggests to put SET teacher money into a pool so that money can get to those that need it most
 - Suggests to get a calendar together so we can recruit more teachers
 - La Crosse County Health Department have stepped backed from guiding role with La Crosse School District. Larry and Laura produced a 29 page document about how to interact in a way to reduce the chance of contact with the virus and to make sure that contact tracing is easy.
 - How recess is going to look is still up for debate.
 - Teachers received professional development training with Canvas.
 - There is also CRVA training for online teachers
 - 42 kids in CRVA for Montessori, there is still room for more E1 students
 - E1 have 15 and 16, E2 has 18 kids in the classrooms
 - Children's House numbers are down a bit, 5 students are doing CRVA
 - Laura realizes how hard it is on parents to have guidelines change and not know what school is going to look like.
 - New superintendent is interested in staying within the safe guidelines while establishing relationships with students in creative ways
 - Teachers are **really** interested in creating relationships with kids and would like to be creative about how to do that
 - We are having families take a survey about where they are at and what they need during the soft start

Treasurers report (Nell)

- Funding for teachers has been reduced to \$3000 (down from \$3500).
- Considering a pool of \$2400 for Coulee Montessori teachers and \$600 for CMAP.
- Nell moves to approve \$25 per meeting for each Laura Carlson and Mariah Bigelow, Nathan seconds, passed unanimously
- We appreciate LMP for donating \$190 to CM.

Specific Business

2020/21 Staffing Updates

- Hired Delaney Orr for the Coulee Montessori position, signed up for Montessori Masters Program in River Falls which is a great investment.
- Desiree Bradshaw is the new music teacher
- Art teacher is coming back
- New special ed teacher, Nicole Rausch-Doulee (sp?)

2020/2021 Calendar

- Plan on third Tuesday each month via zoom, there are a couple of conflicts that Laura Huber pointed out, for example parent teacher conferences conflict with one of these meetings.
- Can we do some virtual get togethers for parents? Maybe early October have a Zoom meeting? Have a teacher panel to showcase student work?

SET Members for 2020/2021

- Parents - Nathan Warnberg, Nell Saunders-Scott, Amy Merkey, Barb Silbaugh
- Teachers - Mariah Bigelow, Laura Carlson
- Community Member - Beth Crammond
- We need to reach out to UWL and Viterbo for a community member
- We need to be clear that it will require action on the part of the members
- Could we be more specific about what help we need or what we will be discussing at the next meeting?
- Could our role be more about pulling in parents to help out with specific projects?
- Nathan moves to have Brian be ACTING President, Barb as Vice President, approved unanimously.

Committee Updates

Finance Committee

- No Report

Fundraising (All)

- We are going to try and stay low key, try to start with virtual events.
- In the future (post COVID), we should think about splitting up the fundraising duties
- On Three for t-shirts
- Is there merchandise that kids need/want: pencil holder, window clings, cloth masks with school logo, notebook, sweatpants, blankets, tie blankets, baseball style 3/4 length sleeve and maybe make an E1 color or an E2 color,

Outreach (Amy, Nell)

- Nell will do the initial outreach via Facebook (for SET membership) and send it to Laura Huber to pass it along
- Need an additional Facebook page manager, Amy Merkey will help
- Need someone to coordinate teacher meals
- Need someone to help provide content for newsletter

Education

- No Report

District Wide Parents (Nathan, Nell)

- No report.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brain, seconded by Nathan at 7:09pm, passed unanimously.