

Coulee Montessori

SET 5/25/17

May 25th, 2017/ 5:30 PM / Northside LMC

ATTENDEES

Josh Shively, Nikki Rislow, Ann Epstein, Laura Huber, Brian Merkey, Bennett Myers, Ty Striebel, Becky Misch, Michelle Sulentic, Erin Hoy.

Parents: Danielle Sprain, Jim Carlson, Nell Saunders-Scott, Amanda Luedtke, Elaine Phillips

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Minutes approved from April

Student Work:

Nikki and Josh (CH & E2) present. Niki talked about how great the Storytelling outing went. The children enjoyed a lot of interactive stories with acting. She passes around thank you cards the kids made. Josh shares Geometry. Compass work, also working with Binary Codes. Some examples of poetry were shared. In geography- what causes night and day and the seasons.

Treasurer's Report

Need to double check the exact expense for the bus fee for the field trip to Deep Roots Farm. Josh will email Kathy (secretary of NS) to find out.

Otherwise, minutes approved for April.

Becky typed up a report of monies made this year and expenses out. This was emailed out to board members.

Becky asks for funds:

Pogies: \$422.00 (22.00 increase)

NS Elementary Bus \$100.00 for MN science museum

Knitting club supplies- \$143.88 to Brian Merkey

E2 Materials-- \$254.27 due to Mariah's extra classroom and works needed

Erin Hoy \$54.28 for food and supplies for Adolescent camp out

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Laura talks about needing a budget for teachers to have a pool of money annually for professional development needs. She suggests \$2000.00. This is just an idea and a starting point.

Historical focus: group of parents helped with tardiness issues. Laura is asking for ideas and help to change this at CM. Last time a letter was sent from the board that was a more positive message. (Josh asks Kim Shively--former SET president-- if she still has a copy of this letter). Laura will have a meeting with the teachers to talk about individual classroom incentives to motivate kids.

Melissa Murray-- announces new hire of a full time teacher for our Adolescent Program. Her name is Laura Davis and she comes with Montessori Experience. Also, we have waiting lists for 6th and 7th grade!!

More attention spent talking about the disconnect we are experiencing with the rules and language for open enrollment and transition to middle school. Need to form a committee of 2 parents, 2 teachers, Melissa Murray, suggestions for Troy Harcey and Patti Sprain from Hogan. Michelle Sulentic will organize this committee to meet during the summer and have something to report by September 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Fundraising: Erin petitions for new fundraising members.
2. Outreach:
3. Education: Ann talks about this committee's focus throughout the years. She mentions a book study that met and talked about certain books. To have Montessori topics to have and hold for families. The Montessori conference held yearly at UWL. Next years conference will host a speaker who will talk about kids with more special needs.
4. District Wide Parent meeting: Patti Sprain will be taking over for Janet at Hogan

Old Business:

Week of June 5th more intentional conversations will happen with Hogan/School Board about where Montessori will go/move. Talk of the Trane building and Hogan are still only ideas, nothing concrete. Roger strongly encourages parents to attend and speak at La Crosse School District board meetings. Suggestions to post these meetings and reminders on facebook with step by step instructions on how to get on the schedule to talk.

New Business: Seven new interested board members. Currently present as visiting parents. Each one spoke on their behalf.

Closed session: Discussed changing/amending the language of two bylaws to increase the number of board members allowed. Reasoning was to have as many active board members over the next term while CM relocation is discussed and planned.

Motion made and passed to amend bylaw 2.2 first sentence to say : The number of directors of the corporation shall not be less than six (6) or more than twelve (12). Also amend bylaw 2.6 to say : Except as otherwise provided, no less than $\frac{2}{3}$

directors including one teacher directors, shall constitute a quorum of the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of directors, but a majority of the directors present, though less than such quorum, may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice.

** First SET meeting for 2017/2018 to be held in June. An email will go out to new board members and current members to attend. A couple of dates will be suggested and the meeting will happen on whichever date majority rules. Sign up for the Slack app will be encouraged for all members to communicate through.