

School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 9/15/2020

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)
- Amy Merkey
- Beth Crammond
- Laura Huber (CM Principal)
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
- Mariah Bigelow (CM)
- Deanna Maynard (Community Representative, UWL)
- Sara Jorgensen (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 5:30pm by Acting President Brian Merkey via Zoom.
- Approval of agenda/additions

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

- Amy moves to approve the 8/18/2020 minutes as is, Nell seconds, passes unanimously.

Principal's Report

- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal) and Laura Huber (CM Principal)
 - Discussion about Laura Carlson resignation.
 - SET will generate a letter to the district communicating that our expectation is that the position will be filled.
 - This might also be an opportunity to have a larger discussion about conforming to the traditional Montessori model and have E2 be 4th, 5th and 6th graders and CMAP be 7th and 8th graders. There are many pros and cons here.

Treasurers report

- Nell moves to approve the classroom funding level at \$3000 and with the CMAP funding to stay as if there were two faculty, Amy seconds, passes unanimously.

Specific Business

Fundraising

- Postpone plant sales
- On Three seems to be the best choice for our situation.
- Embroidery is a nice touch that the teachers like, but kids don't like it. So no embroidery on t-shirts but yes to embroidery on fleece jackets and blanket.
- Old-school t-shirts, red with white logo.
- Sara - How do we implement the reading fundraiser this year? Can we have teachers make videos, students love that? Can we do a scavenger hunt for favorite reading spots of the faculty?
- Mariah - Make cross-stitching kits and then host a virtual lesson for the students.
- Amy - We will run the merchandise store a couple of times (one in the Fall and one in the Spring).
- Amy - Barrachos, Panera, NOT Dairy Queen
- Barb - Food truck event
- Beth - Virtual raffle with a calendar
- Nell - Direct appeal for donations

Outreach and Community Discussion

- Maybe a Montessori education night with the teacher panel
- Anne Epstein as a special speaker
- Virtual showcase of student work
- Can SET host a zoom open question panel/forum? Like work/life balance? If so, it would need to be more scripted. This is probably too much work.
- Nell will draft a welcome letter, be sure to include a thank from the teachers to the parents.
- Make sure the district website is looking good.
- Nell will work on the newsletter content.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brain, seconded by Nell at 6:53pm, passes unanimously.