

School Effectiveness Team Meeting notes, 5/18/2021

Nathan Warnberg, Secretary

In Attendance

Quorum is NOT present (at least 2/3 of the board members and one teacher)

- Brian Merkey (President)
- Nathan Warnberg (Secretary)
- Amy Merkey
- Jenifer Dellenbach (E1 CM)
- Beth Crammond
- Laura Huber (CM Outgoing Principal)
- Melissa Murray (CMAP Principal)
- Mariah Bigelow (E2 CM)
- Josh Shively (E2 CM)
- Nicki Pope (CM Incoming Principal)
- Guests
 - Melissa Leske
 - Kim Shively
 - Anders Olson
 - Willie Bittner
 - Alex Miller

Abbreviations

- School Effectiveness Team (SET)
- La Crosse Montessori Pre-School (LMP)
- Coulee Montessori (CM), grades K - 5
- Coulee Montessori Adolescent Program (CMAP), grades 6 - 8
- Children's House (CH), Kindergarten
- Elementary One (E1), grades 1 - 3
- Elementary Two (E2), grades 4 -5
- North Side Elementary (NS)

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Brian Merkey
- Approval of agenda/additions - none

Officer Reports

Treasurers report (Nell)

- Brian moved, Nathan seconded to approve April 2021 treasurers report - must vote this via email as we are lacking a quorum

Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve the April 20 2021 minutes by Brian Merkey, Seconded by Amy - must vote via email as we are lacking a quorum

Principal's Report

- Laura Huber
 - 15 and 15 CH, 18 and 18 and 18 E1, 22 and 23 E2
 - Losing a teacher at the E1 level since we have lost many students for various reasons over the past year
 - Not sure about what Fall will look like, depends on vaccination levels and community levels
- Melissa Murray
 - 29 students at CMAP, probably jumping up by 3 – 5 over summer, too many for Nine even with a TA
 - If we get more students, as suggested in the previous point, Melissa will make a full-time staffing request
 - If the numbers stay we will request a full-time TA, this in fact has already been requested.
 - Final decision about teacher versus TA will be made in June.
 - 8th grade celebration will be split, Wednesday, May 26th (Wednesday before school is out). This will be a virtual celebration
 - Bike trips planned for CMAP, go to different historic sites throughout the city

Specific Business

Food Truck Picnic Feedback

- Thank you to Barb Silbaugh and her husband, who own Monkey Business food truck, and donated their time and profits for the great fundraiser.
- \$1000 to our school!!
- For next time, vegetarian or more healthy options.
- Consider a dessert option next time

- Porta-potty next time if the school is closed, quick Google search says \$130 per week, maybe could get one donated?
- Maybe we do this once in the Fall and once in the Spring??

Virtual Open House Feedback

- Melissa thought it went really well
- Really good turnout, great rotation between different schools
- Breakout rooms within Zoom to hear about three middle schools, then poly tech and CRVA
- Will probably continue to use virtual open house, then after that can schedule in-person follow-ups
- This should probably be part of the recruiting package, the more diverse the ways of reaching out the better
- Really more of a Charter informational meeting, then have parents/students decide which places to visit during the open house
- February could be really good timing for the informational piece since that is about the time when charter applications open for the district and state

Enrollment and hiring updates

- See Principal's reports

Ride Share Updates

- Basic spreadsheet has already been put together, kind of acts as a bulletin board
- We would not really manage the ride share but act more as facilitators
- Probably open it up to others more closer to the beginning of the school year
- How can we get it out to people - FaceBook, tiny url, QR code??
- How can we remove hesitancy to put our information out there
- Try something, see how it goes, make it better next time
- Maybe try and push it out 2-3 weeks before classes start and keep pushing 2-3 weeks after school starts, keep mentioning it
- Once we show that it is successful we can use it in advertising
- On FaceBook say 'Hey we have a rideshare, check your skyward messages for the link.'
- Get a little slip of paper with tiny url and QR code for picture day and for the pre-school year open house
- Once school starts, we could hand out the slips after school when we are waiting for our kids

New member elections

- Brian moves to add Willie Bittner, Melissa Leske, Anders Olson and Kim Shively as SET members. This motion will be taken care of via email since we do not have enough members to vote.

Officer Selections

- A slate will be pushed out via email - Brian Merkey for President, Kim Shively for Vice President, Mellissa Leske for Secretary, Nell Saunders-Scott for Treasurer.

Summer Meeting

- We will meet once during the summer, Brian will reach out.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brian, seconded by Nathan at 6:36pm. Passes unanimously.