

# Coulee Montessori SET Minutes

December 21, 2021

Attendees:

Brian Merkey	Kim Shively	Nell Saunders-Scott	Melissa Leske
<del>Willie Bittner</del>	<del>Beth Crammond</del>	Alex Hiller	Deanna Maynard
Amy Merkey	Anders Olson	<del>Barb Silbaugh</del>	
Mariah Bigelow	Nicki Pope	Alex Hubing	
Ann Epstein	Trina Truesdell		

## Call To Order/Expectations/Guests

Item	Notes
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All in attendance provided brief introductions, primarily for Alex Hubing, new principal of Lincoln/CMAP</li> </ul>
Share Student Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomorrow CM classrooms will celebrate holidays around the world – in past years, students would rotate classrooms – this year teachers will rotate instead, each teacher assigned to a different country</li> </ul>
Montessori Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person conference at UWL Student Union, Saturday, January 15</li> <li>Early bird pricing available through 12/22/21</li> <li>Sessions include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keynote speaker – Julia Volkman, speaking to brain growth/development and how learning/teaching impacts that</li> <li>Sessions for Children’s House, E1, E2, Adolescent program</li> <li>Administrative sessions</li> <li>Culturally responsible teaching from science (E1)</li> <li>Social justice coupled with reading/writing (E1/E2)</li> <li>Physical education and movement</li> <li>Sensorial learning (Children’s house)</li> <li>Infant and toddler</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Governance Board Topics

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Elementary Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recipient of 2 solar ovens that were donated this morning               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will be stored at CM, but will be used at other schools periodically as well</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 32 students absent &gt;6 days (excludes COVID related illnesses)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continuing to try to address - want kids to stay home if sick, but also want them in attendance, hard to balance</li> <li>○ We all need to continue to advocate the importance of attending school</li> <li>○ Next newsletter will address attendance and the impact it can have on students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Adolescent Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alex Hubing getting feet wet as new principal</li> <li>● SET asking for Alex to bring forward any challenges from CMAP and any logistical impacts to Lincoln's future</li> <li>● Kim asked if SET board members can make a visit to the school for observation – Alex indicated yes, can be coordinated</li> </ul>
Districtwide Parents Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amy sent separate email communication with notes from the meeting for SET to review</li> </ul>
Facility Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff would love to have 6<sup>th</sup> grade in E2, however, current building doesn't allow for that (Space) – if a building that could accommodate, would prefer</li> <li>● Prefer if elementary and adolescent programs could be physically closer together</li> <li>● Kim noted that if want anything to change (i.e. all in one building) we would need to put a lot of effort/work into that – but even with the work, may not go our way</li> <li>● If we do nothing, CMAP will probably just move to another remaining middle school and elementary will remain inside Northside Elementary</li> <li>● Need to understand required resources in what we need to do to move forward</li> <li>● Alex Hubing to ask some questions with regard to where CMAP would go, determine if any conversations have occurred yet</li> <li>● Mariah suggested an option would be to move CMAP to Logan Middle, closer in proximity to elementary school</li> <li>● Several dependencies on what facilities planning will occur – i.e. 1 high school? Moving middle schools to current high schools?</li> <li>● Kim suggests rather than concentrating on the location, to look at what makes a good Montessori program – perhaps another meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kim, Melissa and Mariah will coordinate the wish list (tentative Jan 14)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SET Leadership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brian to transition role over to Kim as SET president</li> <li>● Kim put a Google survey together and will send to SET to gather some board member feedback</li> </ul>

## PTO Topics

Item	Notes
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● November minutes were emailed yesterday (December 20)</li> <li>● Nell motion to approve November minutes, all approved</li> </ul>
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cleared \$2,000 for Read-a-thon</li> <li>● Consider doing another educational fundraiser in spring</li> <li>● Will be a few dollars spent for gift cards for winners</li> <li>● ML motion to approve, Kim seconded, approved treasurer's report</li> </ul>
Bake Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NS PTO may do a bake sale, suggest they reach out to us when they coordinate something</li> </ul>
Soup Supper or Winter Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concern about having an in-person winter event at this time</li> <li>● Nell suggesting opportunities for specific fundraising goal (if we have a list of specific items)</li> <li>● Donations/partnerships with organizations (Deep Roots Farm)</li> <li>● Could be classroom/grade list               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Specific items and/or general donation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Possibility of grant applications?</li> <li>● Wishlist (used for the Northside Resource Room)</li> <li>● Apps/websites that may help: Class Dojo, Adoptaclassroom.org</li> <li>● For this year, consider general fund campaign for classroom materials               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ i.e. \$5.00 gets you... share that information, add thermometer of how much collected</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kim reaching out to other PTO to understand what they have done for fundraising</li> <li>● Nell to look at receipts/expenses</li> <li>● Mariah to look at what upcoming expenses, such as field trips, might look like</li> <li>● Consider a fundraising sub-committee</li> </ul>

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