

# Coulee Montessori SET **Minutes**

August 16, 2022 5:30pm

## Board Roster

Kim Shively President	Alex Hiller Treasurer	Melissa Leske Secretary	Deanna Maynard
Willie Bittner	Amy Merkey	Anders Olson	Kathryn Wiegrefe
	Mariah Bigelow Teacher Rep	Nicki Pope Elem. Principal	Alex Hubing AP Principal
Larry McMahon	Alysa Remsburg		

## Land Recognition Statement – Read by Anders

We would like to recognize that Coulee Montessori occupies ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk people, who have stewarded this land since time immemorial. Please take a moment to celebrate and honor this ancestral Ho-Chunk land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous peoples.

## Call To Order/Expectations/Guests

Item	Presenter	Minutes	Notes
Introductions of Guests	Kim	5 min	Introductions completed for Kathryn as the newest member of SET
Share Student Work	Teachers		N/A

## Governance Board Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
Elementary Principal Report	Nicki Pope	<p><b>Current school and class enrollments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128 CM students, includes 16 out of district and 33 from northside attendance area</li> <li>• Children’s House: 17 4K, 20 K</li> <li>• Maddie: 6 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Jenny 5 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Sara 6 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Mariah 10 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Josh 8 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 5<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Community School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northside currently has a Community School designation. Ms. Pope is applying for CM to also be a community school but CM has not been approved yet for this designation</li> <li>• Designation, philosophy to be more transformational, instead of transactional (food, simple items)</li> <li>• Transformational provides opportunities to partner with</li> </ul>

		<p>community and support families –identifies problem areas...transportation, housing, healthcare, daycare – starting point is understanding what is desired/needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swings are an example of community based need for the surrounding community</li> <li>• Fulltime position of the community resource coordinator (Julie Nelson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Possible opportunity to partner with Julie or with other supporting organization (Altra, First Free Church)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community feedback gathered as partnership with UWL</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Pope looking for educational opportunities with other Montessori schools to brainstorm and learn together – often the options offered in the LaX school district not intended for Montessori</li> </ul>
Adolescent Principal Report	Alex Hubing	<p><b>Current school and class enrollments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMAP at 23 enrolled for the school year, 1 application pending (6 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• No assistant available</li> <li>• Timeline for Lincoln closing still pending – anticipate more answers after referendum in November- focusing on the current school year at this time, but do anticipate Lincoln Middle closing prior to any school consolidation</li> <li>• Staffing requests need to be submitted in March, timing is off as they don't know what the final enrollment numbers will be at that time, not aligned</li> <li>• Perhaps consider open house sooner in the school year, especially important as we learn more about the school consolidations – start early and be intentional</li> <li>• SOTA II currently has 27 students with two teachers</li> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> Kim asked Alex Hubing to provide some background on budgets</li> </ul>
Districtwide Parents Update	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Tour of SET shared drive	Kim, Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder that all SET documents and resources are housed on Google drive</li> </ul>
Open house	Kim	<p><b>Big opportunity to connect with parents/guardians.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to connect with parents</li> <li>• Possible raffle – Amy mentioned remaining stock of items that could be given away</li> <li>• Share info about upcoming event in October</li> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> Alex prepping an FAQ that could be posted at our table</li> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> Kim/Larry to request office support for parents who may have questions about Skyward</li> </ul>
Very basic on-boarding	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidentiality, ethics, conflict of interest docs</li> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> all to review confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest policy at the September meeting</li> </ul>
Governing documents	Kim	

Announcements		N/A
Other Business		N/A

### PTO Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
Secretary's Report	Melissa L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No minutes approved</li> <li><b>Action Item:</b> Melissa to send May minutes when sending August minutes to provide everyone opportunity to review again – will look to approve both May and August at the September meeting</li> </ul>
Treasurer's Report	Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim moved, Melissa seconded - \$300 per teacher approved</li> <li><b>Action Item:</b> Alex Hiller to review teacher request form and make updates as needed</li> </ul>
<b>All-School Fund-raiser</b>	Amy, Melissa, Anders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event date October 21st, 2022, 5:30-7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Gateway Trails near Grandad's Bluff</li> <li>Amy working special event permit paperwork with the city</li> </ul>
Other Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action Item:</b> Kim to look at inviting Julie Nelson to a future meeting to discuss Community Resource needs</li> </ul>

Adjourned at 7:25pm