

# Coulee Montessori SET **Minutes**

September 20, 2022 5:30pm

## Board Roster

Kim Shively President	Alex Hiller Treasurer	Melissa Leske Secretary	Deanna Maynard
Willie Bittner	Amy Merkey	Anders Olson	Kathryn Wiegrefe
Alysa Remsburg	Mariah Bigelow Teacher Rep	Nicki Pope Elem. Principal	Alex Hubing AP Principal
Ms. Nikki	Guest: Jamie O’Niell	Trina	Ms. Maddie

## Land Recognition Statement, read by Kim

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	

## Governance Board Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
School Performance	Miss Nikki Ms. Bigelow	<p><b>E1 classrooms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM staff looking for SET support of shifting back to 4 E1 classrooms as all 3 E1 classrooms are currently full</li> <li>• With increased behavioral and academic needs, students and teachers would benefit from a 4<sup>th</sup> classroom</li> <li>• Ideal 12-15 students, but currently 18-19</li> <li>• CM didn’t need the additional support before, but changes in students have occurred (behavioral, socio economic) – more in alignment with Northside, however, current CM teacher/student ratio is higher than NS</li> <li>• Would like to generate a report showing changes in economics, school changes</li> <li>• CM was 25-35% free lunch, has increased to over 60%</li> <li>• Consider parent volunteers as no new teachers would be added until next year</li> <li>• Ms Pope to look at available school stats (Educlimber)</li> </ul> <p><b>Children’s House update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miss Nikki and Ms. Allison currently at 7PK, 10 K – extended invite to anyone on the wait list, no one has moved.</li> <li>• Opportunity for additional support brought up during</li> </ul>

		<p>Northside intersession – additional staff not always available – Ms. Pope working on this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support services are there, but sometimes different times and not always the same people (i.e. special ed), getting better though</li> </ul>
Elementary Principal Report	Nicki Pope	<p><b>Enrollment update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change in move outs</li> <li>• 5 adds, mostly in Children’s House</li> <li>• May need to consider some sort of exit survey for parents</li> </ul> <p><b>Referendum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per school district, if there was a time to build a new high school this is the time as other debt is being paid off and coming off taxes</li> <li>• If referendum doesn’t pass, anticipate shift to single high school due to ongoing enrollment decline (Shift all to Central High)</li> <li>• May impact middle school as well (Shift middle school to Logan High)</li> <li>• Cost estimates in the millions to fix existing buildings, but wouldn’t provide any new learning spaces</li> <li>• At Logan, you are not able to add a third story because of how the current structure is built</li> <li>• Current referendum does not include an athletic structure</li> <li>• If November referendum fails, there may be another one in April for operating costs</li> </ul>
Adolescent Principal Report	Alex Hubing	<p><b>Enrollment update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change (24)</li> </ul> <p><b>Lincoln closure status, Placement of CMAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with other middle school principals. Looking at potential spaces for both SOTA II and CMAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our document has been shared with those part of the planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• While no formal announcement has been made yet, planning has started in preparation if Lincoln Middle closes next year</li> <li>• Consider planning a separate meeting that could discuss combining CM and CMAP (K-8) into one location</li> </ul>
Playground rubber chips	Jamie O’Niell	<p><b>Playground chips:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubber chips have been determined unsafe/health hazard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Several materials in the chips that have never been tested</li> <li>○ Can make breathing more difficult</li> <li>○ They heat up, test last year on a hot day reflected playground temp of 140 degrees</li> <li>○ UWL professor working on a testing process to understand hands that touch the rubber chips what toxins are detected</li> <li>○ SPACE looking for parents to join the informal community group and to assist in writing grants for schools interested</li> <li>○ Kim to discuss with Willie to see if he would be interested</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Pope stated rubber chips has been on the building and grounds list for a while <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Options could be wood chips, pour in place or tiles</li> <li>○ Replacement is in the works, but is in the air when or what the material would be</li> <li>○ Buildings and grounds has final say on what/when replaced</li> <li>○ Ms. Pope reached out to the city to see if there would be any opportunity for helping with the expense since the playground is community used</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Swings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Delivery date pushed back to February 2023, will not disrupt the current rubber chips</li> </ul>
Districtwide Parents Update	Amy, Melissa	Monthly reporting out from this group (notes sent in separate email)
Governing Documents	Kim	Confidentiality agreement signed by all in attendance

### PTO Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
Secretary's Report	Melissa L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved minutes from May and August</li> </ul>
Treasurer's Report	Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Refund for grad costs (Bigelow)</li> <li>○ T-shirts for CH (Rislow), \$500 – will wait until after fundraiser</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mariah looking for \$300 for fraction materials – hoping to have approved at October meeting</li> </ul>
<b>All-School Fund-raiser</b>		
Hike-a-thon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Fundraising efforts will start on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, students will raise money toward the hike</li> <li>• Hot chocolate and smores during the event</li> </ul>
Solar Panels	Alysa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% of the power in Northside will be supplied by the new solar panels</li> </ul>
Open house recap	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Other Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

Adjourned at 7:27pm

