

# Coulee Montessori SET Agenda

Oct. 18, 2022 5:30pm Lincoln MS

## Board Roster

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| Kim Shively<br>President | Alex Hiller<br>Treasurer                  | Melissa Leske<br>Secretary<br>DWP | Deanna Maynard              |
| Willie Bittner           | Amy Merkey<br>Outreach Coordinator<br>DWP | Alexis Brandow                    | Kathryn Wiegrefe            |
| Alysa Remsburg           | Mariah Bigelow<br>Teacher Rep             | Nicki Pope<br>Elem. Principal     | Alex Hubing<br>AP Principal |
| Maddie                   | Nine Dodge                                | Trina                             |                             |

## Land Recognition Statement

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 | Notes  |
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| Introductions of Guests | Kim       |  |
| Announcements           |           | Reminder to check our contact info in SETs email account |

## Governance Board Topics

| Item  | Presenter | Notes  |
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| School Performance/<br>Sharing student work | Staff     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the request of the board, teachers presented information with regard to challenges they are experiencing with dysregulated students and solutions they are forming to help them be more ready to learn.</li> <li>• Reasons for dysregulation may include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pandemic fallout</li> <li>○ Families choosing Montessori b/c it is not on 45/15 schedule</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                             |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staffing challenges</li> <li>● Solutions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ‘Soft landing’ where they have a list of daily work (spelling, math, reading), providing opportunities to touch base with students to ensure they are ready for the day</li> <li>○ E2 students coming to E1 and CH classrooms to provide some additional support</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Additional support solutions may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An increase in emotional learning</li> <li>○ Additional TA positions (currently 2 fulltime openings ad NS/CM)</li> <li>○ Volunteer opportunities in-classroom</li> <li>○ Mentors coming from churches and/or Logan high for additional support</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Recent teacher visit to Montessori in Viroqua: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ With changes in administration, student/teacher ratio is no lower (smaller classrooms), continue to have wait lists, current school district wants to see Montessori program grow</li> <li>○ Building more conducive to outdoor activities</li> <li>○ Pre-K is 4x per week, all day</li> <li>○ 6<sup>th</sup> grade is part of E2</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Elementary Principal Report | Nicki Pope  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuing to look for solutions to support students and staff, needing to focus on some mental health opportunities</li> <li>● Open to additional ideas that may help</li> <li>● <b>Takeaway:</b> Teachers to discuss possible Parents Night, to combine student presentations, dinner and a Montessori education night – possibly “advertise” Montessori outside of school district (i.e. Onalaska, Holmen)</li> </ul>   |
| Adolescent Principal Report | Alex Hubing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilities meeting recently held, bringing middle school admins together to discuss consolidation - boundary lines, number of students</li> <li>● Trying to determine feasibility of closing Lincoln and consolidating into Logan Middle/Longfellow by next fall (2023-2024 school year)</li> <li>● Visited other middle schools as well as Hamilton and Northside to identify possible recommendations</li> </ul>   |
| Districtwide Parents Update | Amy         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amy sent notes in separate email</li> </ul>  |

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| CMAP   | Nine, Hubing     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent tours of Longfellow and Logan Middle to understand options for both CMAP and SOTA II</li> <li>Logan Middle offers best location with proximity to NS/CM, but offers no land access (neither middle school does)</li> <li>Could consider survey to understand why students don't go on to CMAP</li> <li><b>Takeaway:</b> Consider our vision/manifesto. How can we be successful? What can we do to move the program forward?</li> </ul> |
| Observing in Classrooms  | Kim, Staff       | <a href="#">Parameters Observation Guide</a> (from staff)<br><br>Email teachers if interested in observing  |
| Support for E1 classrooms  | Alexis, E1 staff | Can the charter be edited prior to a renewal year?<br>Ways to engage our CM parents / Community building<br><a href="#">E1 DATA POINTS</a>  |
| Old Business<br>-Sign Ethics agreement<br>-Willie serving on SPACE board |                  |   |

#### PTO Topics

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| Secretary's Report     | Melissa L.   | Minutes from September approved   |
| Treasurer's Report     | Alex         | 2022-2023 budget approved   |
| All-School Fund-raiser | Amy, Melissa | Dollars continue to be raised through 10/28, several incentives earned by classrooms                      |
| Hike-a-thon            | Amy, Melissa | Kwik Trip provided \$150 gift card that is primarily funding hot chocolate, graham crackers, marshmallows |

Adjourn 7:20PM