

# Coulee Montessori SET Minutes

April 19, 2022 5:30pm

## Roster

Kim Shively President	Nell Saunders-Scott Treasurer	Melissa Leske Secretary	Deanna Maynard
Willie Bittner	Amy Merkey	Alex Hiller	Barb Silbaugh
Anders Olson	Mariah Bigelow Teacher Rep	Nicki Pope Elem. Principal	Alex Hubing AP Principal
Jenny Dellenbach	Trina Truesdell (guest)	Laura (guest)	Kathryn (guest)

## 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	Notes
Introductions of Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Recognition Statement read by Kim</li> <li>Welcome to guests Laura and Kathryn</li> </ul>
Share Student Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM elementary spring concert and art show on Thursday, April 28th</li> </ul>

## Governance Board Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
Elementary Principal Report	Nicki Pope	<p><b>Playground Swings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$14,000 cost, ordered with estimated delivery in November</li> <li>Donations from First Free Church (\$5,000), Rotary (\$2,000), NS PTO (\$3,000)</li> <li>If there are additional funds, considering gaga ball pit, with cost ranging from \$1500-\$3500 – Ms. Pope suggests a collapsible version so it's movable</li> <li>Approved grant for Coo Coo Kanga Roo concert this summer</li> <li>Cost of the concert will be free to families, but dollars raised from food/bake sale will go to the swings</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Activities and Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward testing exams complete</li> <li>All of CM going to Myrick for end of year picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Info will be coming out about having lunch with students in picnic setting on the field (date TBD)</li> <li>• Julie Nelson coordinating Neighborhood Bash April 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family friendly event</li> <li>○ At the time of this SET meeting, we had not been requested to provide anything, however, after the meeting Kim learned that there are volunteer opportunities available at the event (Separate email sent on this topic to SET team)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Adolescent Principal Report	Alex Hubing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO putting on Cougar dinner before spring concert</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition event on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8</li> <li>• Field trips increasing this spring</li> </ul>
Districtwide Parents Update	Nell, Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Engel spoke a lot of right-sizing of facilities</li> <li>• Location of Trane Admin building is the selected building for a combined high school (depends on results of upcoming survey, then referendum in November)</li> <li>• Teacher appreciation week coming up May 2-6. LPEF will be planning on fruit and donut delivery to each building</li> </ul>
Spring board elections	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While we are good with our numbers right now, need to consider additional SET members going into the fall so we aren't in a position of significant loss next year as current SET 2-year terms end</li> <li>• Two officer positions open – VP and Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kim is looking to stay on as President for two terms, prefer VP role filled to step in when needed</li> <li>○ Alex Hiller considering the Treasurer position</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
How will the board meet in 2022-23?	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</li> <li>• Look at adding in-person meetings (possibly alternating between NS and Lincoln) but still allow for Zoom as option for those who cannot attend in-person</li> <li>• Kim looking to attend upcoming <a href="#">WRCC conference</a> in July</li> </ul>
Background check for SET members	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion for SET board members to complete background check for any volunteer events or classroom observations</li> <li>• <a href="#">Link to application</a></li> </ul>
Facility Planning	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further updates at this time</li> </ul>

PTO Topics

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Secretary's Report	Melissa L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March report approved</li> </ul>
Treasurer's Report	Nell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March report approved</li> </ul>
Swing monies request	Nicki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for CM/SET to donate to playground swings</li> <li>• Plant sale coming up in May, proceeds to go toward swings</li> <li>• Nell (Willie seconds) moves to donate \$500 now, with the caveat that we possibly donate more in the fall if needed</li> </ul>
2022-23 fundraisers	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved to move forward with Get Movin' - Amy to reach out to Jim and get us started</li> <li>• May meeting we will need to approve \$500 for cost of software platform access</li> <li>• Need to look at more community based events</li> <li>• Bring back Montessori education nights, perhaps in conjunction with soup supper</li> </ul>
Plant Sale	Mariah, Nell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using SET Square Acct for this fundraiser – Nell and Mariah work together to get everything set up</li> </ul>
Freezie pop station	Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Day May 27</li> <li>• Request from Miss Melanie to buy, freeze, and hand out</li> <li>• Lunch supervision also needed</li> <li>• CM in the morning, NS to hand out in the afternoon</li> <li>• Nell mentioned \$3 for box of \$36, SET will not need to approve expense</li> <li>• Melissa to buy/freeze/deliver CM's contribution (approx. 200)</li> <li>• Will be opportunities for additional parents to volunteer</li> </ul>
Teacher Apprec Week	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2020, teachers got GC for Downtown Mainstreet</li> <li>• SET approves up to \$300 for purchase of gift/gift card – Amy and Kim will connect offline coordinate</li> </ul>
Other Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for \$300 for E2 field trip for bussing is approved</li> <li>• Driftless Area Museum and Genoa Fish Hatchery</li> </ul>

Adjourned at 7:10PM