

Coulee Montessori SET Minutes

Dec. 20, 2022 5:30pm Lincoln MS

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Ms. Sara	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
Introductions of Guests	Kim	N/A
Morning Greeters	Trina, Kim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trina submitted a suggestion to add parent volunteers on the playground in the morning before school • Friendly face, additional eyes and presence for students • Ongoing parent volunteers would provide consistency to students • Parent volunteers would need to ensure background checks • Ms. Ells prefaced with informing parents that this could be a difficult position • Kim and Trina to start working on a plan

Governance Board Topics

Item	Presenter	Notes
School Performance/ Sharing student work	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Montessori newsletter continuing • January 4th preschool district registration begins • March 6th site selection begins • Feb – Apr open enrollment • Teachers will update brochures/flyers/postcards to send to daycare centers • Amy to reach out to Kwik Trip daycare director • Teachers to send out postcard in backpacks
Elementary Principal Report	Nicki Ells	<p>Office newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year completed an assets and needs assessment – identified that newsletters weren't being read and ultimately were discontinued • Survey didn't encompass all school families as it was conducted by UWL students who facilitated survey door to door in neighborhood surrounding school • Survey indicated they preferred updates directly from student's teacher • Ms. Ells to set up admin privileges within Remind app for Montessori to begin communicating with families <p>Size of current E1 classrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing conversations with Dr. Engel, identifying additional students with high need • Students rated based on needs at a level of 1, 2, or 3 - Ms. Ells proposed rating of 1.5 for Montessori • Last update reflected 65% free and reduced lunch, puts E1 at a cap of 15 per classroom – opening the window for additional discussions for a 4th E1 classroom <p>Additional TA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushing for 1 TA for each level (CH, E1, E2) • May be dependent on future elementary school closing or ESSER funding
Adolescent Principal Report	Alex Hubing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation committee continuing to meet, tasked with planning around 2 middle schools, • Working on boundary lines for two middle schools as current high school boundary of Ferry Street won't work at middle school lever as it's not an even split • Boundary establishment drives many other decisions – students at each school, teachers, etc.

Districtwide Parents Update	Amy	
CMAP	Kim	Kim reaching out to Shelley Shirell to understand any potential changes to charter and/or impacts to E2 and CMAP
Surveys	Group	Tabled to January Meeting What is our goal OR what do we want to know? Build on work laid out already by Melissa - School Satisfaction Survey Monkey - Best practices
S.P.A.C.E. Update	Willie and Alysa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber chips – building and grounds will be able to swap out the rubber chips to wood chips when the swing sets are installed in the spring • Info on testing of rubber chips identified potential future health concerns – lead, manganese, zinc higher levels • Cost savings if families volunteer time to remove rubber chips and lay wooden chips (potential summer activity)
Other Business		

PTO Topics

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Secretary's Report	Melissa L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current report approved
Treasurer's Report	Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current report approved Current balances Hold funding request until January meeting 1. E2 \$500 \$700 costs for field trip every other year
Montessori Week	Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at soup supper, but not as a fundraiser – consider a bit earlier to coincide with informational session for Montessori enrollment • Amy and Melissa to connect about planning

Adjourn 7:30