CoMP General Meeting Minutes Feb 21, 2023 Via Zoom 7:03pm

1. Welcome and Call to order @7:12pm

Attendance: Makaya Judge, Erin Lafferty, Karen Petruksa, Julie Adams, Coreanna Riddell, Christina Admire, Jennifer Harrison, Andrea Wendt, Jillian Labelle, Gayle Waner, Victoria Carter-Imsland, Sarah Stuurman, Cheryl Closson. We have guorum.

# 2. Officers Report

 a. The meeting minutes were completed from the January meeting. No one has expressed any changes or additions to the minutes..
 Coreanna moves to approve the minutes.
 Jenn seconds the minutes.

The February minutes have been approved unanimously by the board.

- b. It is time to begin nominations for the COmP board. We will need to form a new Nomination Committee Board. Coreanna will chair this committee. We are looking for current and past guides if they are interested. This is for members who came in the previous year. Those members who came in this year will remain for next year. If you want to be in this committee, please contact Coreanna.
- c. We also need to form a Scholarship Committee for Alumni scholarships. We have \$250 available this year, due to low fundraising during the pandemic. A Google form will be sent out to teachers for nominations. Karen has offered to chair this committee.

### 3. Teacher's Report

- a. Andrea reports that the Lower Elementary is working on social and emotional development. They are also preparing for the Haggerty testing, the state required phonetics testing and CoGAT testing for the 2nd graders.
- b. Sean is absent from the meeting but sent his report via email, which I have copied and pasted here:

"Here are the things we've been discussing in Upper Elementary:

- 1. Reviewing the student climate survey to identify students that need extra support.
  - 2. Looking at results of mid-year assessments to identify students that need extra support.
  - 3. Talking about ABAR (Anti-Bias Anti Racism) and what we're doing in our own classrooms.
  - 4. Excitement for Art Day –coming up (any parents inspired to plan and lead a 75 minute art lesson?—Sean)

There are a great many things we're discussing not on this list.

(Campout, alignment of expectations between lower el, upper el, and middle school, the naming of class pets, etc.)

c. Erin was not in attendance, and sent her report via email with this link

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- 4. Committees and Volunteer Report
  - a. Communications Committee
    Omar was not in attendance. Nothing to report.
  - Finance and Fundraising
    Jillian says the Middle School Pop Shop is doing great! They have brought in \$2200 for campout. They are making deposits every week.
  - c. Fundraising/Raise Right Natalie and Sarah report that Raise Right Week raised as much as an average month. And more people are using Raise Right, so great job! The deadline for Raise Right cash back rebate for campout ends March 31. The Spring flower baskets will be out in April. Advertisements for this will go out in March.
  - d. Communications and Hospitality
    - I. Julie says that Gear Swap is March 8. Boxes for donation are out now. There will be a signup going out in the next few days to organize.
    - II. The next event is going to be the Talent Show. There is great buzz about it among the students. Michelle will reach out as the day gets closer, for volunteers. Tryouts will be held on March 27 and 29, after school. Flyers for the Talent Show will be out soon. Michelle will need 1 staff member (per Christina Admire). The judges will be a panel of students
    - III. The Middle School wants to have a Spring Fest. They have sent a proposal for us to review for funding. The date is tentatively scheduled for May 11. The Middle School still needs to reserve the gym. They will need 5-6 adult volunteers and funding. If approved, the money brought in will go towards paying back for the event. Any money raised beyond that will go towards transportation for campout.

Victoria motions to approve Spring Fest proposal.

Julie seconded the motion.

Board approves unanimously.

Makaya will communicate with the MS to clarify if they need more volunteers.

Maybe we could lump in a Garden mulching/help event that could be planned in conjunction with the Spring Fest.

Victoria held a volunteer orientation for campout that went well. Requests for a Zoom volunteer orientation were made. She will be having a 7pm Zoom

volunteer training in early March. A district volunteer coordinator will also join in. The goal is to have this meeting be only 30 minutes long.

Classroom assistance is a problem. We don't have enough students in our classrooms to qualify for more and we are not able to bring in new students to have enough to qualify for more. The solution may be that we need parents to volunteer to support in the classrooms. Makaya and Coreanna have reached out to the teachers to see what kind of support is needed. Andrea has said she really appreciates parents who can be consistent with their time, a couple of days a week. Also having a push in specialist has been super supportive. The Lower Elementary had a discussion and some of the teachers are not interested or ready for parent volunteers. More discussion is needed and a "wish list" of what the teachers want will be sent to Makaya, who will communicate with Victoria on what kind of volunteer support is needed.

# e. Steering Committee

There is a need to expand membership. CoMP was originally a group focused on Montessori education in our public school. Since we had combined into 1 school, we have been mainly focused on our school. What can we do to expand the reach of Montessori education in our public schools while still supporting our school? We might think about adding a PTG committee next year to our board. Natalie and Dawn both said it would be helpful to have fundraising separation from SPM vs. CoMP/district.

# f. Gardening Committee

Jen reported that there was \$600 at the beginning of the year in funding. \$256 has been used with \$343 left. Infrastructure budget has been used. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th @ 3:15 pm.

#### Principal's Report

Shannon was not in attendance. Christina Admire gave her report.

Enrollment for next week is in full swing. The end of March is the deadline for kindergarten and Mid March for grades 1-8.

Bowling went smoothly. Lilac Lanes was a great venue.

The Great Art Party is soon. Artists and/or Volunteers are needed to lead small groups to create an art installation.

8th graders to the PSATS in October. Our scores came out in January. Our students did better than any other school in the district and state.

Families should have received individual scores for the COGAT tests. All school scores will be sent out soon.

Child care will not be available for the next meeting, on March 21st at 3:15pm at SPM. The kids can sit in on the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm