

**Marquette Area Public Schools  
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes**

MSHS Library  
1203 West Fair Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday November 16, 2010**

**Welcome and call to order-**

The meeting was called to order at 06:30 p.m. by Pam Basal, President. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed, with email verification.

**In attendance:**

Pam Basal	PR / President	Cherry Creek
Joe Lubig	PR	Cherry Creek
	TR	Cherry Creek
Amy Wiseley	TR	All Elementary
Cathy Calderwood	PR	Superior Hills
Diane Betts	PR	Bothwell
Paula Diedrich	TR	Bothwell
Claire Twohey	PR	MSHS
Sue Koivala	PR	MSHS
Katy Vessels	TR	MSHS
Rob Lion	PR	Vandenboom PS
Deb Barry		Assistant Superintendent- Finance

\* PR = Parent  
Rep

\* TR + Teacher Rep

**Approval of Agenda-Addition Vice President – Joe Lubig agreed to fill the position.**

**The minutes of the October 5, 2010 PAC meeting were approved.**

President Report: (Pam Basal)

- a. Classroom Sizes: The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes at Cherry Creek have 28 and 29 students. The space is too small. Parent volunteers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grad classroom have been banned due to lack of space. K-3 goals are small class sizes of 18-21 students. The superintendant should listen to parents. If the kids are moved into a third class parents, will help with the transition. Deb Barry said she would bring this issue up at the Performance Committee on 11/29/10.
- b. Bussing: Deb Barry spoke with John Kurkowski; he explained that if drivers are ahead of schedule and have an early arrival, they are to pull into driveway and park until the school opens. The buses should not be ahead of schedule. Ms. Barry will investigate further. There was a discussion on surveillance cameras and illegal drugs on the buses.
- c. Website: The website is up and running. There were complaints that the school newsletters were buried in the site. Deb will check with the webmaster to see if they could be moved. It was suggested the newsletter be put on the announcement page. It was also requested that board meeting minutes be listed in chronologic order.
- d. 40 Developmental Assets briefly discussed.

MAPS Superintendent Report: Deb Barry reported the board adopted a textbook budget, using less than half of the dollars allotted. There was a discussion on needs and wants. Teachers shouldn't have to look for donations.

MAPS School Board Report: No representative attended. Cathy Calderwood agreed to represent PAC at the school board meeting.

Other Business: none

School Reports:

High School: The Scholastic Book Fair was a success. There was loads of enthusiasm for the football team. Nick Palmer did a great job announcing the games on the radio.

Alternative High School: Going well-enjoy being at Graveraet. They have a food pantry for the homeless.

Bothwell: Newsletter sent out recently. The Giving Tree program was not offered this year. BMS participated in the TV6 Canathon. They had a

Veterans Day event. Thirty fifth graders participated in the Cross Country running program. There is also an afterschool 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra-Thanks Mrs. Peterson. Ms. Paquette has a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Choral. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is integrating well, and they are separate from the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Alternative Middle School: East Side Academy is going well. Kara Graci is doing a great job. There are 8 students enrolled.

Superior Hills: Professional Development going very well. The PTA provided the staff with lunch. Book fair will have superhero theme. Students made capes describing why they are special. All proceeds donated. 'Hometown Hero' is the theme for family night: great things done by community members.

Sandy Knoll: Students attended the play Into the Woods. A mini fair will be held 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of December.

Cherry Creek: Report on the yearbook, Secret Santa, packages for soldiers overseas and a December movie night. There will be a luncheon for the teachers. There is no longer a fluoride treatment program being offered. Fundraiser were discussed-good results with Michigan Products but the Run was not successful.

Vandenboom PS- National accreditation is being sought-expect news in March 2011. There is a wait list for 40 infants.

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2011 Meeting Dates  
All meetings start at 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday January 18, 2011  
Tuesday February 15, 2011  
Tuesday March 15, 2011  
Tuesday April 19, 2011  
Tuesday May 17, 2011**