

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Central Administration Office 1201 W. Fair Marquette, MI 49855
Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:00pm

Meeting began at 6:02 pm

In attendance:

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| <i>Holly Bodjanac</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>Graveraet</i> |
| <i>Mandy Miskovich</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>Sandy Knoll</i> |
| <i>Deb Barry</i> | <i>SR</i> | <i>Central Administration</i> |
| <i>Jamie Randall</i> | <i>SBR</i> | <i>MSHS, SBR</i> |
| <i>Justina Hautamaki</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>Bothwell</i> |
| <i>Stacy Bolf</i> | <i>PR</i> | <i>Cherry Creek</i> |
| <i>Rachel Tillison</i> | | <i>Central Administration-finance</i> |
| <i>Ashley Nicholas</i> | <i>TR</i> | <i>Graveraet</i> |

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

SR=Superintendent Representative

Introductions

Perusal of minutes from May meeting: Okay

MAPS Superintendent Report: Been checking roads at 3am with winter weather as it has been these last few days.

School Board report: This School Board member attended a leadership conference in Traverse City for Michigan Association of School Boards. Magnificent. Very interesting and wonderful sessions. Held at Grand Traverse Resort. Took classes 8am-9:30pm including Social and Emotional Learning CASEL. Last board meeting had people representing native Americans regarding the Redman name...committee has been formed...kids being bullied for it...switched logo long ago, committee has community members and board members.

School Reports:

Alternative High School: Not present.

High School: Pandal Wall added Coach Jeff Olson...speaks on suicide preventions as his son took his own life. Nov 1st is the end of the first marking period. Spooktacular fantastic. Orchestra coming up. January teacher luncheon catered by Border Grill. Awarded \$500 to Spanish Club for transportation, going to Costa Rica.

Bothwell Middle School: Regular BPO meeting delayed due to Family Trivia night tomorrow night. Fundraiser deadline is close. Conferences delayed until today, we provided staff luncheon during conferences, snacks. Bookfair during conferences but we went with a company different than Scholastic...much easier check out process, sent good selection of books...did not have information with maturity ratings, some books for high schoolers. Scholastic did not send good book selection last year so we changed company. Had wish bins for teachers/librarian. Holiday concerts coming up in December.

Cherry Creek: *Monsters, Mummies and Math* event in October: stations for math projects and haunted trail behind school. Donuts and cider. Families come. This year 200 signed-in at the door. (Superior Hills had book walk behind school...Cherry Creek had info about trees along the trail.) Planning a holiday gift shop with vendors where kids can shop for parents...3-5 people to shop for max and \$30 max. Had trouble with kids bringing too much money last year. Dec 5th holiday programs. *Dine to Donate* at Aubrey's on the following Monday, Dec 9, 15% donated back to school.

Graveraet: Looking for afternoon crossing guard 3:40p-4:10p get paid for one hour...Officer Dawson handles that...do have to work in all weather. Holiday concert Dec 16th (jk-2nd) and Dec 19 (grades 3rd-5th). Martin Lowenberg came today 5th graders went to Kaufman to see him speak...very powerful, amazing...moved parents to tears. Holiday shopping on Dec 5th...thrift store concept...donations are beginning to pile up in the lobby...upcycling.

Sandy Knoll: Conferences rescheduled. Holiday conferences coming up in early December. Holiday fair coming up in early December, too. Will have EIN by December 1st, already have feedback from Laura. Making change to application and resubmitted, then can be in the third phase of being a 501c3. Separate meetings to get this going. SK was using district tax ID and it had to be removed. Should be fixed by Dec 1st.

Q: For field trips, who pays for field trips?

A: (from group) We pay for busing for some of field trips...policy is general fund does not pay for field trips transportation, only building to building transports. Principals request funds from parent group. Or use principal fund, then we reimburse. Parent groups budget for it.

Very few students used e-wallet for book fair, but some did and it went just fine.

Superior Hills: not present.

Additional Items/Old business: Rachel Tillison here for GASBY.84. Any questions for her? 4 elementariness were still under us...Cherry Creek has own EIN and bank account, sending in articles of incorporation and 501c3...bylaws and disillusion clause required. Suggest meeting with Victoria Lanhard who works for Grow and Lead (formerly Great Lakes), representative for nonprofit start-ups and fund raising. Does not charge for information, does charge for developing business plans and fund raising type stuff. Has given out 13 packets already...met with elementary schools. Sandy Knoll moving along too. Must have EIN first. All parents groups get an EIN then administration prints the check from the general fund (funds the District

has been holding for each school)...Will have to make changes to bank account after groups officially become a 501c3.

District still has Graveraet and Superior Hills money. Everyone else has moved money out.

EIN takes 15min online, 501c3 status can take 3 months, but date is retroactive to application.

Articles of Incorporation takes a week.

Next Meeting Date: Third Tuesday, Jan 21th 6:00pm.

Adjourn. 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki