

**Marquette Area Public Schools**  
**Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes**  
Central Administration Office 1201 W. Fair Marquette, MI 49855  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**  
**6:00pm**

Meeting began at 6:02 pm

In attendance:

<i>Bill Saunders</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>District Office</i>
<i>Justina Hautamaki</i>	<i>PR</i>	<i>Bothwell</i>
<i>Ahsley Nickolas</i>	<i>TR</i>	<i>Graveraet</i>
<i>Kim Matulewicz</i>	<i>TR</i>	<i>Alternative High School</i>
<i>Jodi Michael</i>	<i>PR</i>	<i>Graveraet</i>
<i>Emily Morgan Booth</i>	<i>TR</i>	<i>Bothwell</i>

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

SR=Superintendant Representative

**Perusal of minutes from May meeting:** Update school board report error.

**MAPS Superintendent Report:** Working with GEI on summer sinking fund projects. Focus is door systems for school wide security. Going to update/replace/retrofit 52 door systems. Logic behind is the technology and software behind door systems...like NMU, doors can be programmed through software...high school has 8 main egress doors, can be programmed to be open for am, then locked at start of school...software will alarm when door is open anytime it is programmed to be closed. Includes every MAPS school...priority one is main egress points of each building. Will be extremely expensive but will fall within budget. Eventually schools won't have any hard keys. No worry about lost keys or copied keys. Credential cards would be programmed and able to be turned off and on.

Other projects for approval Sandy Knoll wall...first noticed last spring when snow melted, significant indentation in wall. SETSAG will cover this project except deductible \$5k...Closner low bid at \$70k to repair wall...only paying \$5k. High school pool wall collapse being caused by dehumidification system pushing out through the wall \$300K, then did metal siding to help reinforce wall. Early this fall, custodians found all cement and grout on wall is gone. No insulation on expansion joints, humidity irritating it. Gunlock Champion will tuck point all brick and insulate expansion joints \$11k. Big projects.

Small sewer projects, found and fixed.

Cool things: high school Danielle Dixon had group of 4 student that won Michigan Tech Stock Market Challenge each getting \$1000 scholarship...the group did work outside of class alot, made trades started with 1 million dollars, turned into 1.5 million in 5 weeks. Won out of 47 UP teams.

Update on new Math Curriculum 6-12: some parents nightmare, had Math Night at middle school, philosophical change from “kill and drill” now focused on problem solving, solving story problems, take more time, more in-line with other facets like state tests and other problem solving abilities. Many households had nights with tears but things are getting better. Kindergarten round up in early March, waiting to hear from principals for exact dates and see if a screening will go with it. Will inform parents difference between junior kindergarten and kindergarten. Usually over NMU Spring break

**School Board report:** no report

### **School Reports:**

**Alternative High School:** All day Art Day on Friday...topics like nutrition, respect and mindfulness...snack at the end made by cooking class, morning session and afternoon session...cut and product music. Fulbright Mobil teacher exchange, Brian Prill was awarded trip to Columbia. Going to Washington DC at the end of the week to bring global education into the classroom..meet with other US educators and educators from Columbia to do some collaboration...actual Columbia trip is in July...will bring back new materials and such. Doing FAFSA workshop Feb 13. Smiles on Wheels coming for a week...do more sealants at our school than all other schools combined. Parent teacher conferences in March.

**High School:** no report

**Bothwell Middle School:** Made \$433 on book fair with new company. Library spent \$200-\$250. Got feedback from teachers and parents on book fair, liked spotlight on books, too many low-level books and no sale section...liked teacher discounts. Will do book fair again in March. Moving along with our application for 501(c)3 status. Have voted to pay \$275 to apply, may need officer's insurance. Have Super One bagging date in April. Suggested we look at bake sale during that...Alt H.S. rep said Super One let them do a bake sale there. Currently doing box-tops and Econo receipt collection competition. Winning class gets \$50 reward and teacher gets \$50 reward. Volunteers will count them. Offering teacher grants, some awarded.

In testing window for NWEA, 6<sup>th</sup> graders this week...7&8 last week. Solo/ensemble coming up...all three strands of music getting ready for festivals: band, orchestra and choral.

**Cherry Creek:** no report

**Graveraet:** Representative from First to Finish program presented at GPA meeting this month through the Ed Foundation. One School one Book: *Romana Quimbly Age 8*. Held fifth grade Spelling Bee. Penny Wars at the end of January. Did fine on Christmas Fair, as in most years. Started NWEA testing...kids were surprisingly excited. Looked forward, took their time, wanted to know how much they grew. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> sledding party at Harlow Park...want to let other schools know so they do not conflict.

**Sandy Knoll:** no report

**Superior Hills:** no report

**Additional Items/Old business:** Chili Cook Off meetings ongoing. Flyers go out for posters competition. Judging for poster is tomorrow night...hoping all 5<sup>th</sup> graders sell 1 -5 tickets. Trying to make parents aware and 4<sup>th</sup> graders looking forward to it. Letters home will go out closer to the deadline. Silent Auction. Suggestion: number of tickets sold could link to the amount the child has to pay for Baycliff...more tickets sold, the less they pay for Baycliff.

**Next Meeting Date:** Third Tuesday, February 18th 6:00pm.

**Adjourn.** 6:39pm.

**Respectfully submitted by** Justina Hautamaki