

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Central Administration Office
1201 W Fair
Marquette MI 49855
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Meeting facilitated by Jamie Randal began at 6:05pm

In attendance

Jamie Randall	PR	High School
Paula Diedrich	TR	Bothwell
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Graveraet
Bill Saunders	SR	Superintendent
Kristen Cambensy	SBR	Superior Hills & MAPS School Board Rep
Kim Letourneau	PR	Bothwell Middle School
Katy Vessels	TR	MSHS
Emily Grout	PR	Cherry Creek

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

S=Superintendent

Approval of Minutes: Read. No approval necessary.

MAPS Superintendent Report: Played sound bite from Superior Hills/student(s) and a staff on SUNNY 101 promo for MAPS kindergarten and Jr Kindergarten registration coming up. Other radio conglomerate willing to do announcements also. Can project after registration how many kindergarteners will have as a district. Next strategic planning student achievement team...new model for survey from Rockford Michigan...first round of survey went out to over 400 staff...over 300 respondents came back. Starting tomorrow will publicize community survey going out. Will have stations set up at Parent Teacher Conferences for those also.

District projects...auxiliary construction starting April 1, will lose some parking, will affect traffic flow. Superior Hills construction will start April 1...work is done second shift after school day...but playground will be effected. Cherry Creek construction begins May 1. Parents are notified. May be able to move playground and/or utilize Bothwell's playground. Will begin school next September with everything being done.

Q: Kindergarten Round Up Sept1-Dec 1 waiver signed...after kindergarten cut off do dates matter...is child too young for first grade? A: Not an issue after Kindergarten is completed...homeschoolers, or testing ahead is fine.

Samsung...did not get Samsung tech grant. Did not make it to the next round. 3 min infomercial...some donor(s) to offset \$18k cost of solar panel.

Maps School Board Report: Work session last Monday, public meeting. Set goals for the board and superintendent. Policy meeting today, went over technology policy. (Right now website not ADA compliant. Hit with a complaint, as with 500 other school/government sites. We answer to OCR to address issues. Have about 2 years to get site ADA compliant. Currently use free website, will no longer be able to do that because will require captioning and...closed captioning....looking at \$4k-\$10k...do try to look local, but would have to build from scratch...do compare...must be ADA compliant)

School reports:

Alternative high School: No rep present: Empty Bowls coming up. Brian Prill doing Pilot Gig boat project with funding from Ed Foundation and other sources. Extensive woodshop set up in Vandenboom garage. Bringing woodshop Geometry to Marquette Senior High School.

High School: No parent group meeting last month, nor this month. 8th grade orientation last week went well: visited Planetarium, gym, weight room, little theater, Makers Lab, vocational ed rooms...20 min presentation in each area. Kids like going to places other than classrooms. Students in groups did more leading more so than teachers. One student designed kindness presentation and activity for Carla McHutchen and teachers. Exams went well. March conferences coming. Makers Lab getting used a lot. H.S. students are thriving as helpers in Makers Lab. We the People qualified for national competition in Washington. Basketball game in Negaunee was a big deal, won in overtime. Choosing classes for next year. NMU presentation for Middle College, internships, classes at Jacobetti or dual enrollment presentations coming up.

Bothwell: Ski day this Friday, 250 kids going by bus, concerned about weather. Good feedback on high school orientation, 8th graders into planning classes for high school. All week book fair and parent/teacher conferences...will provide teacher lunch. Signed up for Econo bagging as fundraiser...recieved two Saturdays in a row. Feb 25th first one...10 volunteers, 25 kids. May have to do catalogue fundraiser if other fundraisers are not successful like Box Tops and Econo bagging. Also have March 4th for Econo bagging. Encouraged to get word out to ask for more parent help for March 4th bagging...rather than give up second bagging date. Caleb Bell 6th grade student with cancer, holding fundraiser "Stick it to Cancer" adult coed hockey tournament, proceeds go to Cancer Care of Marquette County and to Caleb. Can possibly let fundraisers go on less formally. Charles Henry qualified for UP spelling Bee.

Cherry Creek: Held parent/teacher conferences, principal did survey with improved ranking. STEM after school program going through end of school year. April 21 is Spring Carnival. Looking for local for external fundraisers. Renewing photography contract ☺. STEM day, nurses, firefighters... jobs from community come in and explain how they do their job.

Graveraet: New Noon Supervisor, sub for custodian. Doing one school one book with \$1000 donation from Rotary club... Every child gets a book, March 10th is Family Night will watch BFG movie. Having Makers Club, been rescheduled twice due to weather. Penny Wars very successful. Popcorn Fridays going well, with new popcorn machine and 5th grade classes helping.

Chili Cook Off upcoming, plan to participate by making chili recipe. Sports club off the ground on Wednesdays after school with stipend from district, lots of participants. Spring Art fundraiser coming up...children make art, parents can purchase items with art imprinted.

Sandy Knoll: No representative.

Superior Hills: Carnival March 11th, open to community, 10 free tickets to any child, fun games, popcorn and pizza, face painting, cake walk. 3rd annual MAPS camper chili cook off March 13...with snow date March 14. \$5 child, \$10 adult, \$20 family. Each school makes a chili. We have chef who made and paid for ingredient last year. This year Econo has offered (been great!) to donate ingredients for all 4 schools...Zack at Econo foods been great to work with. Parent groups get silent auction items. Suggested classes work on projects for auction items. Ideas discussed.

Additional Topic: PAC longevity? Group relevance confirmed with increased attendance.

Next Meeting Date: Upcoming meetings: March 21 hopefully for a short meeting with Spotlight on Music beginning at 6pm. April 18. Will continue to send minutes within a week of meeting. Agenda for following meeting sent to attendees the week of meeting.

Adjourn. 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted: Justina Hautamaki (informal note taker)