

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**Welcome and call to order-**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Jamie Randall. Sign-in sheet was passed. Introductions were made.

**In attendance:**

<b>Paula Diedrich</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Bothwell</b>
<b>Kristen Cambensy</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Superior Hills</b>
<b>Jamie Randall</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Bothwell, MSHS</b>
<b>Emily Grout</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Cherry Creek</b>
<b>Carolyn Lawrence</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Graveraet</b>
<b>Kathleen Vessels</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Marquette High School</b>
<b>Igor Kruhak</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Sandy Knoll</b>
<b>Bill Saunders</b>		<b>Superintendent</b>

\*PR=Parent Rep

\*TR=Teacher Rep

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by Igor and motion seconded by Carolyn.

**MAPS Superintendent Report:** Curriculum committees meeting March 4<sup>th</sup> to start working on ELA and other areas of K-8. High School is adding AP Biology, coding classes next year. State budget will see an increase of 75/per student over next year, but only 45/student gain when other programs are removed. Losing some funding from 13 Best practices in the next year. Adding assessments for K-2 to start this year at Kinder registration March 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten screening will help create more balanced classes for teachers and provide teachers with a clear starting point for curriculum choices. Assessment will not result in any children being kept out of Kindergarten. Screening will include letter recognition and some play habits and will be financed by the district. Local preschools have been asking for more guidance from the district regarding preparation of students for kindergarten. JJ Packs and CAT packs met with the administration regarding weekend food packs. Each campus will choose what they want to do with each program. Still concern regarding the funding of 5<sup>th</sup> graders' trip to Bay Cliff this year. Most are concerned with the equity of the funds distributed and fundraised. Encouraging all the elementary principals to work together. Cost is roughly \$100/per student. Contact Mary Bengry at Cherry Creek to get more specific details about the trip and all costs

associated. Superior Hills made t-shirts and fundraised that way. Beth Milner is now ready to produce necklaces for Bay Cliff fundraising as well.

**MAPS School Board Report:** They enjoyed the chrome book demo and the way the technology allowed every child in the class to participate in the lectures and solve problems. Allows teachers to pinpoint each student's strong/weak points and catch learning issues quickly. Also starting to discuss life cycle of chrome books( 2 years) and future needs to replace them. TTT- talking about whether to let 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders bring devices from home. The integrity of the MAPS network is protected by keeping all administrative documents on google docs and using filtering for the class programs.

### **School Reports:**

**Alternative High School:** Adding 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

**High School:** Just had 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and the students had a great time. They love the big cookies with their graduation year on them. Currently signing up for next year's classes and getting ready for ACT, SAT testing. Play, TWRP dance , and Winter Spirit week upcoming.

**Bothwell:** New fundraiser coming up with Fun Services. They have set up prizes to encourage sales including Ipad 5<sup>th</sup> gen for grand prize. Every 5 items sold gives a raffle ticket for the grand prize. Family Night at the UP Sportsplex coming up ( \$250.00 for 2 hrs was the rental rate.)

**Cherry Creek:** Getting ready for Easter bunny fundraiser. 2<sup>nd</sup> and third grade were given ipads out of box top funds. Cherry Creek is currently ranked first in the UP for box tops.

**Sandy Knoll:** hosted a skating party with Graveraet at Lakeview Arena. 200-300 people attended and it was very successful. Planning a family night at the Sportsplex as possible Bay Cliff fundraiser. They are organizing for JJ Pack distribution. Asked if Graveraet needed any additional equipment or supplies. Using Farm Raiser as their fundraiser for the spring. The program uses local produce and merchants to fulfill its orders.

**Superior Hills:** April 24<sup>th</sup> is Daddy/Daughter dance. They are getting set up for JJ Packs and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is preparing a play with grant funding.

**Graveraet:** In the process of Penny Wars and Box Top push. February/March are featuring math madness and fun fact frenzy. Will be selling yearbook for \$5/student. Getting ready for Young Author's and Activity Day. Some concerns about space for athletic events. Suggestions

from group: scavenger hunt, watermelon eating contest, capture the flag, name that tune, arm wrestling. Jilbert's will donate milk and ice cream sandwiches.

**Old Business:** Fundraising for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bay Cliff as a district is still being discussed.

**Additional Item:**

**Next Meeting Date:** March 17th, 2015.

Adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Grout, Secretary