

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 18th, 2014**

**Welcome and call to order-**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Secretary Justina Hautamaki. (President and VP not in attendance) Introductions were made and sign-in sheet was passed.

**In attendance:**

Paula Diedrich	TR	Bothwell
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Sandy Knoll
Emily Grout	PR	Cherry Creek
Katy Vessels	TR	MSHS
Jamie Randall	PR	Bothwell
Kristen Cambensy	PR	Superior Hills
Rich Rossway		School Board Member
Bill Saunders		Superintendent

\*PR=Parent Rep

\*TR=Teacher Rep

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes from January meeting Jamie Randall.  
Second Kristen Cambensy.

**MAPS Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Saunders gave an update on one-to-one initiative to buy chrome books for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Sponsored by the ED Foundation. Repopulating at fifth grade. Exact cost unknown, about \$100K. 14inch monitors. Kindergarten Round-Up: March 11-12 at Graveret for all schools. Looking at expanding Developmental Kindergarten, possibly all day, every day in elementary schools. Developing a Middle College that would graduate 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors with an associate's degree in vocational or career tech. MAPS is working with NMU. Pilot with 40 juniors, 40 seniors. Pullout part high school/part college at NMU. No MAPS diploma only a "Middle College" degree. Q on realignment: Teachers reassigned by April. Principal position posted. New principal will sit-in with personnel reassignment. No decrease in staff, may need to hire more.

**MAPS School Board Report:** Representative Rossway reports. Bill Saunders is now full superintendent rather than interim. His scores showed Highly Effective. It is a three year contract.

Terms for school board members: two openings for a 4-year term and two openings for a 6-year term are coming up. Hoping to get people to run instead of appointing. State guidelines say elections be held every other year.

Considering “Aboard Books”—paperless board meetings. I-pads for board use. Enrollment an issue. Enrollment is down, has been down in the last 10 years. This last year down 10 kids. Though still higher than projected down trend.

Budget coming up. State may give additional monies.

- Bill Saunders answered enrollment question: enrollment is only form of income. One-to-one initiative and redistricting hoping to attract enrollment. Main competitor has smaller class sizes, redistricting will allow MAPS to have smaller class sizes. Enrollment at alternative high school gone up 15 students.

**President Report:** None.

### **School Reports:**

**Alternative High School:** enrollment is up, down for GED finishers. Lake Superior Community Partnership Leadership Academy visited high school. Good feedback about programs there! Alternative High school leads the marketing charge for MAPS.

**High School:** Last week and this week signing up for next year classes. Basketball team lost to Negaunee. Girls playing Negaunee tonight. Kids a little crazy after cold days. Michigan Merit exams March 1<sup>st</sup>. Winter dance coming up March 14<sup>th</sup>. Winter sports ending, big accomplishment across the board. UP champs in swimming, some superstars. Eight grade orientation. PTSO makes cookies with graduating year. Cookies are a highlight to the eighth graders.

**Bothwell:** Cookie fundraiser extended through the end of this week. Bothwell Bonanza Basketball cancelled because of lack of teams...talk of a fruit sale. Econo receipts between \$1000-2000. Three and a half hours tallying receipts. Looking at Schwan’s fundraiser. Orders online and orders are delivered to individuals: 40% for first 40 days, then 5% for remainder of year orders. Healthy vending machine just installed through food coop...fruit puree, seed and fruit mixes...all profits back to school. 6<sup>th</sup> grader won Patriots Pin 3<sup>rd</sup> place in district essay contest. Fresh fruit Fridays. Phone directory published. All bid documents together for portraits.

**Cherry Creek:** Penny wars...made \$1500 last time. February 21<sup>st</sup> Art for the Art: art auction of children’s art. Q: Applying for Cliffs

transportation funds...anyone have any experience? Perhaps Leslie Addison at Bothwell. Just e-mail Cliffs.

**Sandy Knoll:**

Skating...sportsplex...giving to Graveret parent organization...report from committee members on school improvements.

Amy Kaki did activity there....drama...fundraiser UPAWS.

**Superintendent thought: K-5 district wide spring fundraiser for spring fundraiser for parent group.**

**Bounce houses...or...open to the community...to fund parent group.**

**Superior Hills:** Graveret parent group needs are a concern. Signed with a new fundraiser company for next year: Believe. One hundred tickets sold for daddy daughter dance (300 limit)...excited. Talk about teachers and contract. Concerned. Dates set for parent teacher conferences. Mom and son movie night.

**\*\* NHS students need to fulfill volunteer hours.** SK needs box top counters, Cherry Creek needs Art Auction helpers, Superior Hills needs help at Daddy daughter dance.

**Vandenboom:** No Report

**Additional Item:** Q: Any MAPS elementary schools teach foreign languages? A: no

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Adjourn at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justina Hautamaki, Secretary