

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

**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>Justina Hautamaki</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Graveraet</b>
<b>Kristen Cambensy</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Superior Hills</b>
<b>Jamie Randell</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>Igor Kruhak</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Sandy Knoll</b>
<b>Kathleen Vessels</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Marquette High School</b>
<b>Erika Morrison</b>	<b>TR</b>	
<b>Bill Saunders</b>		

\*PR=Parent Rep

\*TR=Teacher Rep

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes Kristen second Paula.

**MAPS Superintendent Report:** Positive feedback regarding Graveraet opening. Some furniture and equipment issues. 39 new positions were filled at the beginning of the school term. MAPS enrollment has increased 150 from last year. 115 of those students were school of choice. It is discouraging that other school districts will lose funding and students, but MAPS needs to use this surge to push forward and create new opportunities for our district. We could increase funding for Fine Art and more AP classes.

**MAPS School Board Report:** No report.

**President Report:** No report.

**School Reports:**

**Alternative High School:** No report but recruiting for a representative.

**High School:** The parent teacher group is trying to recruit some more members. There are many new teachers and two new assistant principals this year. Innovations have been made in the distribution and enactment of certain Special Education programs. The Homecoming dance was well attended. Adviser's have chosen the theme of 'What Do You Bring to the World' for this year. New Instructional Aide's are competent, dynamic, and highly motivated. Discussed the removal of the Michigan Merit and 10<sup>th</sup> grade not taking the pre-ACT. Upcoming fruit sale in conjunction with Farmer Q's and Croatian chicken.

**Bothwell:** Meet the Teacher night was successful. October fundraiser will be magazines and Cookie Dough. Last year saw lackluster fundraising, so Bay Cliff trip was barely covered. Will be using a fruit sale this year in December to raise money for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Another attempt at Basketball Bonanza as a fundraiser. Enjoyed Walk to School Wednesday and looking forward the Bike to School Day. Scott Spotlight Blog returning. This allows students to choose subjects such as vaccines, Eagle Mining to write a feature about and publish it on the blog. Leah McQueen will be the new National Junior Honor Society coordinator taking over this year. Fresh fruit Friday will continue this year with donations from Super One for up to 800 students.

**Cherry Creek:** New principal is very dynamic and welcoming. There are new pick-up and drop off procedures in place that allow for more parental interaction. Hosting Math Mania in October. This program will bring members of the community into the school to show students real life applications of the math skills they are learning. We will be having Penny Wars next week. The winners get to choose from a pizza party or duct taping the principal to the wall in the gym. Students are very excited about this. Memorial for Mrs. Bott was held with a balloon release and a tree planting.

**Sandy Knoll: No Report.**

**Superior Hills:** Picture Day was on 9/20. The lowest cost package was \$22.00. the parent group is not sure if the bid process was used , but they are upset that they paid substantially more than other schools for the same package. Other representatives recommended using bid process and only signing up for a one year contract. The parent group gave the teachers each \$300 grants at the start of the school year. This year's fundraiser will be Fri Sept 26- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> with top sellers getting a ride in a Hummer Limo. The idea to create a district wide fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bay Cliff Camp was introduced. Ideas were Fun Run, U.P. Sportsplex Fun Night,

Golf tournament. The goal would be to fully fund each 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit to Bay Cliff, but the funds would have to be divided evenly no matter how much was raised. Eagle Mine is already funding the busing for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to go to Bay Cliff. It was decided to add to the fundraising to Bay Cliff as an additional item in future meetings for further discussion. A request was also made to find a lawyer in the district to explain the tax exempt situation. MSHS offered to set up a meeting for the Superior Hills PTO treasurer to meet the treasurer from the high school's PTO to help with banking issues and questions. Superior Hills offered to give a popcorn machine to Graveraet to help with fundraising. There was some question about \$5000 that was allocated to the Graveraet for school activities. The parent rep for Graveraet will ask the principal about the availability of funds for the PTO.

**Graveraet:** Picture Day is coming up in October. The fundraiser fall is Fun Services. They will be making school T-shirts soon. There is a lack of books in the library. They need more graded readers. Looking for scholastic money to buy some additional books. May also utilize Amazon wish list to get more books in the common core curriculum.

**Additional Item:** Further discussion of Bay Cliff district wide fundraising is needed.

**Next Meeting Date:** Third Tuesday of every month. Except December. Beginning in September 2014.

Adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Grout, Secretary