

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Central Administration Office
1201 W Fair
Marquette MI 49855
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Welcome and call to order-

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by President Jamie Randall. Sign-in sheet was passed. General introductions.

In attendance:

Kristen Cambensy	SBR	Parent at Superior Hills
Jamie Randall	PR	Bothwell
Emily Grout	PR	Cherry Creek
Bill Saunders	S	MAPS
Kim Matulewicz	TR	Alternative High School
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Graveraet

PR=parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBP=School Board Rep

S= Superintendent

Approval of Minutes: Graveraet added to agenda. Motion to approve minutes Justina. Second Emily.

Maps Superintendent Report: Water spout/tornado over Lake Superior, odd weather updated Facebook....schools handled that very well...no call from National Weather Service....Cherry Creek notified by a parent...principal went into shelter-in-place tornado drill. Marquette Police Department notified MAPS ...Craig Marker drove to Cherry Creek as they were closest to weather....Bothwell pulled Chocloy buses until they received all clear from Marquette PD. Superintendent proud of school and response.

Anticipating snow....went through snow procedures...set for when winter weather hits.

State superintendent visited MAPS today...first time in memory...perhaps 10 years +. Superintendent Brian Whiston. Phenomenal job by schools and teachers...H.S. set up a visit to Kim Carr's classroom...advanced computer's class...student lead projects. Visited Rhonda Mannen's health occupation class. Visited Superior Hills: Mindy Longton's class and Amy Cook's...to reinforce gratefulness for grant to pay for one-on-one initiative. Life Skills classroom visit....students had to speak positively about interactions with group mates...then ramp their vehicle. At Graveraet...met students and staff...Dr. Kemppainen presented hoop house (serving grown veggies, seed exchange, maple syrup economics), JJ packs, WIN time (based on NWEA date, using RIT scores for building-wide grouping, making good use of data). State Superintendent seems to understand concerns of districts.

Third grade reading did pass House on Senate floor with mandatory retention, if passed would go into effect next year. District does not support this bill. Teacher Evaluation still tied to test scores like MSTEP.

Open Carry/Concealed passed the House...close open carry loophole...trade for concealed carry allowance.

Kick off for Panic Pendants Monday. Pendants for staff/teachers. Instructing student no false alarms...like a fire alarm. Sending police team when both panic buttons are pressed. Media coverage will show pendants. All about response timing to minimize damage. Alarm goes off in the school, instantaneously sends everyone in the building text and email (also sent to central administration). Alert goes to MQT police department.

Maps School Board Report: Talked about raise in electricity, considering changing sinking fund projects to energy efficiency. Kristen attending Michigan Association of School Boards conference, taking classes about being a school board member.

President report: Bid documents for school photos for Igor, ongoing issue with photographers to get fair rate at all schools. Superior Hills School and Graveraet are willing to be in collective bargain to get best contract for photos district wide. Gather representatives of each school for "Picture Posse", do some homework to create what we want a bid. Jamie will send out e-mail to set it up.

School reports:

Alternative high School: 6th hour split males and females. Females participate in program *She Believed*. Trying to raise funds to bring all females to Washington DC. Bringing in female presenters. Amazing things happening. Girls feel safe enough to do math. Exercising...hopefully a 5K at the end of the year. Guys doing their own things and feeling comfortable in their zones. Been fun and a lot of work, writing grants, scheduling challenge, a big undertaking. Concern is SAT, deadline moving, state not giving information, coordinator having difficulty finding information. Principals elected not to offer PSAT. Girls sent a letter to the First Lady. Pursing money from the Ellen Show.

High School: No representative.

Bothwell: Box top and Econo receipts contest. Already \$275K collected which amounts to \$2750....in the fifth week. Doing two contests this year instead of one. Record around \$8K or \$10K. Tallying takes 2-3 hours a week. Picture retakes Oct. 29. Half day 19th and 20th of November. Enjoying free busing school to school, saved \$800. Kinetic Effect was the first Kauffman Auditorium performance this year that the students got to see. Excellent performance. No dances because YMCA is doing monthly middle school dance. Fall fundraiser just started. Cookie dough did not make much money, interested to see if this will make money. Used FUN services last spring and made \$5K. Thinking about spoof fundraising letter but may not.

Cherry Creek: Math Mania on Friday: local representatives from the community talk about how math is used in their jobs every day. Teachers promoted it by giving a free homework coupon...after school

hours from 6-8pm on a Friday. Scholastic Book Fair coming up 16th-20th during parent teacher conferences. Fundraiser for JJ packs for district Nov 7th at Ore Dock 5:45-12:15 Beatles and Brew...pay at the door \$10 suggested donation. Up to 180 students in district for JJ Packs.

Sandy Knoll: No representative.

Superior Hills: Finished Fall Fundraiser...Charleston Wrap. Did less, items were more expensive but higher quality merchandise. Getting 40%, debating whether to go with same company next year. Mother/Son movie night Hotel Transylvania 2 sold out. Theater allowed them to use as many theaters as they wanted. On a Sunday at 1:00pm. Book Fair at conferences...2 for one book deal. Buy two books get one free. Free book donated to the library. Books are given to students...each student is given a free book just before Spring Break. Working on technology kinks out. Staff frustrated because things are not up to speed. Superior Hills received grant so all students have a one-to-one. 2nd and 5th have chrome books. Panic pendants not working yet. Mumblings about sign on (passwords) challenges at different schools, especially among youngest students.

Graveraet: Will participate in Feb 8th-12th bus driver appreciation day. Updated fire alarm system brought the fire department at the last alarm. Looking at Holiday Fair for December. Ordering t-shirts, long sleeve, hoodies and sweat pants. Still working on playground updates. Kiwanis golf outing raised funds for playground.

Old Business: Tabling Bus driver appreciation day until next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: November 17th at 6:00pm.

Adjourn. 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,
Justina Hautamaki, Secretary 2015-2016

