

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, February 15, 2019

6:00pm

Meeting began at 6:06 pm

In attendance:

Jamie Randall	SBR	School Board Representative
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Bothwell Middle School
Emily Grout	PR	Cherry Creek
Mandy Miskovich	PR	Sandy Knoll Elementary
Holly Bodjanac	PR	Graveraet
Jodi Michael	PR	Graveraet
Deb Barry		Assistant Superintendent-Finance

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

Perusal of minutes from January meeting.: Read. Fixed attendance, two attendees missing. No approval necessary.

MAPS Superintendent Report: Bill very ill, Deb is representing the district for him. We are at nine snow days. Some districts downstate are between 12 and 19 days. Law now says 6 are forgiven and up to 3 can be requested waived...but only after lengthy discussion of making up days...justification, why not making them up...4 pages of justification. Required 180 days and 1098 hours. Unfair to have so many less hours of instruction when teachers merit pay is based on students' performance. Thursday, June 6 is last day, Friday is good make up day. Snow days are considered act of God after April 1.

Planetarium is seriously looking for funding opportunities; their projector is completely unusable/broken.

H.S. Parking lot trying to change structure of access in front—big summer project. Will be rough summer for access.

Summer school started summer feeding program last summer, kids come to lunch for free, 2 feeding sites, parents can eat for reduced cost. Tried it last summer for 6 weeks, had attendance and started to grow. Chris Collins, in charge of food service, tries to do farm to table foods and whole muscle meats.

Projected 3260 FTE for MAPS district next year. Currently 3189 FTE. Decline attributed to a big senior class, 261 graduating, 227 replacing them. This is a

consideration, budget will be less. Kindergarten sign up needs to be well publicized, JK numbers also count.

MAPS School Board Report: Last night met at alternative H.S., for amazing tour. 9-12th grade. Great program. Sometimes a struggle, dedicated teachers. Building 38-ft boat. Put together from kit named the *Kraken*. Photo room, kids doing photography. Hydroponics room growing veggis inside reflective warm room (lettuce, peppers) Separate aquaponics with gold fish. Kindergarten registration March 5th and 6th at NMU. Student board reps, 2 from H.S. one from alt high school, non-voting but part of program, planning trip to Al Qual and Empty Bowls. Raises nearly \$10k in past years. Handmade bowls each unique using learned patterns and techniques in conjunction with NMU students. TWERP March 16th at MSHS.

School Reports:

Alternative High School: no report

High School: PTSO working on grant from Meijer for now announcement sound system for whole school. Awarded grant request to pay lifeguard (currently not paid) for swim classes. Funded request for die-cutting machine for birthday wall, Cricket. Parent/teacher conferences Feb 27th-28th 4-7pm.

Bothwell Middle School: Baycliff cards on sale for 7th grade Baycliff trip, \$10 each. Another Econo/boxtops competition underway. These make a lot of money, hoping we make enough to avoid having to do other fundraisers. Celebrated school counselor week in early February, brought flowers to Mrs. Addison and Mrs. Kyle. Planning movie night for the near future. Planning bookfair to coincide with parent/teacher conferences, use Sign Up Genius for volunteers. Funding a request to redecorate cafeteria \$150 now, \$150 later. Hosting staff luncheon Thursday of parent teacher conferences Feb 28th catered by Border Grill.

Cherry Creek: Did not meet last month due to weather. Movie night at school March 8th on wall in gym, people bring beanbags/sleeping bags. Bought a lisc to show movies, do it every month and is well attended! Showing the movie *Everyone's Hero*. Works out really well. Creating incentives for 5th graders: what do others do to sell more Chili Cookoff tickets?

Selling old popcorn machine for \$100 not broken just old. Bookfair with parent/teacher conferences early March. Can't do SMILE AMAZON because not a 501C organization. Dine to Donate day did not do that well because of bad weather.

Graveraet: Active Shooter training for staff...helpful..some difficult/frightening aspects. Dine to Donate at Aubrey's, mostly staff members, 15% given to school. Thursday is Interest Fair, 4:30-6pm...student presentations. Sledding

night 27th at Harlow Park. One School/One Book Family Night coming up GPA will be selling chocolate bars because the book is "Chocolate Touch" from 1950's main character is named John Midas. Some staff working on 4-year literacy project with NMU and MSU Flint, My Literacy...what literacy means and how its presented to students.

Sandy Knoll: Some changes in parent association: president Igor stepped down. Tricia Bush new president...Tracy Bush VP...Amber Mota secretary. Sledding party cancelled due to weather. Skate party March 20th. Made \$1300 with Davin's Chocolate bars \$4 or \$5 depending on bars, dark chocolate, maple. Box tops made \$460 so far. Mini fair raised \$1650. Apparel sales made \$240. Book fair made \$900 in December with conferences. Doing another penny war with conferences. Some mini grants approved. Maybe another spring fundraiser.

Superior Hills: no report

Additional Items/Old business: Thank you to Chris Collins for generous amounts of delicious gourmet brownies tonight!! Took group photos munching brownies to send as Thank You to Chris Collins.

Next Meeting Date: March 19th

Adjourn. 7:04 pm adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki



Picture of PAC Members eating brownies