

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, January 15, 2019
6:00pm**

Meeting began at 6:06 pm

In attendance:

Bill Saunders		Superintendent
Holly Bodjanac	PR	Graveraet Elementary
Jamie Randall	SBR	School Board Representative
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Bothwell Middle School
Emily Morgan-Booth	TR	Bothwell Middle School
Kristen Cambensy	PR	Superior Hills Elementary
	PR	Sandy Knoll Elementary

Who am I missing?

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

Perusal of minutes from September meeting.: Read. No approval necessary.

MAPS Superintendent Report: Friday is the halfway mark of the year. 90 days left. Lyceum series Shawn Cheshire...sponsored by Kauffman Foundation, to educate all students. Other than a few pockets, every student was able to attend. Alternative High School students came to High School, other schools worked together. Message was strong...Cheshire has done some incredible things since becoming blind. Currently open enrollment for School of Choice students, only open for MSHS and Alternative High School. Bothwell has larger class sizes so was not open, usually get few school of choice students come in mid-year. Biggest thing: going to start a summer school for everyone...new program, based on information from WI schools that have a summer school program for all. Currently have summer classes for Title students and HS credit recovery students. This will be for all, interweave academics, and "fun" stuff...example: Planetarium, Makers lab. Grades 1-12. Dependant on teachers wanting and what classes open to teaching. Swimming opportunity, Math, ELA for catch up also. Start small, then expand. Will take time for us to get there, if we start small and continue to add classes it will create opportunities for some. May see conflict with daycare, will likely be less expensive than day care. Also summer lunch program. Looking at mornings. Openings for varsity coaches, baseball & football.

PESG went out of business, switched to PCMI very quickly. Lost some money with PESG, but now sub pool has expanded considerably, not the same sub shortage. A number of local schools were on PCMI so the sub pool is bigger. Lost \$36K with PESG, still trying to recover it, but not looking promising. Successful at gaining coverage now. Wellness team strategic planning as asked to investigate creating a Start Time Committee...about time of school starting. Meeting with 12-15 people on the committee. Looking into possible scenarios that would involve start times...utilizing surveys, research saying older adolescents would benefit from later start time. Other research says elementary students would start early. Expected to take a long time, goal had hoped by start of school year 19-20, but committee feels there is so much to do that it may take longer. Trying to find sweet spot for all age groups keeping in mind dark mornings, snow banks and other morning factors. All groups representative parents, school staff and administration.

MAPS School Board Report: Brief meeting last month, only 15 minutes. During meeting elected new officers. President and VP same, new secretary/treasurer is Kristen Cambensy. Had meeting at Sandy Knoll with tour of building. Excellent presentation, great things going. Voted on annual internal boilerplate issues...who signs checks and such. Went very fast

School Reports:

Alternative High School: 6888 pairs of socks through Rock the Socks program total.

High School: Budget coming out alright, but looking like only \$20 remaining at end of the year. Added things to support the teachers, looking at budget of \$4500 and \$5000. No Work Fundraiser is the only approach. Teacher/staff appreciation lunch this Friday after exams. 8th grade orientation coming up, first week of February. Honor assembly. Government class went to Lansing, got third in We the People government/law competition. Practice here at Federal Courthouse, with local lawyers as the judges. Law research and other elements. Last year got Wild Card to go to Washington DC. Fundraised enough money to go.

Bothwell Middle School: Excellent turnout for Christmas concert, so much so had to have students sit in the gym, created alternate concert schedule for future concerts...Officer Dawson came to staff meeting to discuss vaping and what to look for...first incident at Bothwell last week. Students enjoyed Lyceum last week. Starting another Econo receipt/box top competition.

Cherry Creek: no report

Graveraet: Penny Wars winner got a party of their choice, made \$950. One School /One Book starting. Themed sale to go with book for Family Celebration night in March. Rotary donating \$1500 for sensory path...affixed to the floor then

shellac finish, for students with sensory processing disorder, or those with ADHD for calming and focus. NWEA testing coming up. Doing Dine to Donate with Aubrey's no date yet but 15% of sales go to GPA for one night. Chili cook off getting set up. Young Authors in January. Holiday Fair made \$562.65. Interest Fair on February 21, like a science fair but can be anything...what they are interested in...past exhibits include Titanic, How to Draw Mario, Holucost...big success last year.

Sandy Knoll: Little Caesars fund raiser raised \$4600. Penny war raised over \$1300. Been reviewing picture packages for next year. Looking at picture packages for Spring. School programs in December went well. Mini-fair went well, lots of good stuff donated...not sure how much they made. Holiday programs with baked goods provided for parents and grandparents, many parents donate \$\$ at those events.

Superior Hills: Share the Shine as a penny war \$1300. Gave out \$100 grants for each of the 32 staff. April 26th at 6pm for Daddy Daughter Dance moved to MSHS gym...limited it to 300 last year, high school gym should allow for more attendees. Added corsage for each girl with ticket purchase. Chili Cook Off March 6th all schools have tickets, but wording needs to be redone. Econo is donating ingredients for any school that is not getting their chili done by a private business. Graveraet: Delft. Sandy Knoll: make own. Superior Hills: NMU. Econo donating sour cream, and cheese for toppings. Talk of possibly going with Education Foundation and creating a Baycliff account to use 501C to receive donations, better accounting of where \$\$ is going...working with Foundation to create a scholarship for attendee or counselor later at high school graduation. Idea of an adult version of Baycliff...fun stuff!

Additional Items/Old business:

Next Meeting Date: February 19th

Adjourn. 6:51 pm adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki