

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

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

MAPS Superintendent Report: 3266 student enrolment full time equivalent (FTE), 25 student increase over last year. Probably largest enrollment in long time. Been dealing with problem: 3rd party business (for subs) went out of business with no notice, has caused some issues...primarily: a few people had some checks bounce or failed to get paid...still dealing with a little bit. Bigger issue: we prepaid \$55K for coaches and club advisors, so company owes the district \$36K. Moved everyone over to PCMI, but some have not received their 2nd payments, most subs have been paid. Trying to follow up, been difficult. Made transition to PCMI, may make it easier for subs between districts.

School of choice window opens this Friday through Nov 30 for elementary schools for next trimester. Very few at this point come in. Kindergarten at Superior hills, all schools open for first grade...other grades with high numbers not open. Middle school and high school later.

Students got 2nd in Governor's Cyber Security Challenge in Detroit...of 200 teams. Very amazing award.

MAPS School Board Report: Elections: all incumbents were reelected. Things going well. Visit to Cherry Creek, very good visit, Travis as principal doing progressive things, *Honor Wall* with bios for family members at Cherry Creek. Principal and leadership team visited Houghton to observe practices leading to high test scores. Next visit is to Graveraet on Friday.

School Reports:

Alternative High School: no report

High School: Had conferences on 7th and 8th. Exams coming up in January. Principals day. Nov 1 little theater comprehensive presentation on vaping...epidemic, catching groups of students vaping at a time. First offense is one day suspension and confiscate items. NO law to cover it or regulate what is put in it. November 22 dance troupe show. *Leaving Your Mark* theme for the year, chalkboard for birthdays and other things surrounding theme.

Bothwell Middle School: Luncheon for teachers very well received, used sign up. Veteran's day assembly 8th grade chorus sang, all student body attended. People from different branches of the military presented and spoke about their jobs/experiences...8th grade class officers introduced people. School sign is fully functioning, YEAH...finally has authentic message.

Cherry Creek: no report

Graveraet: Spirit week this week: today twin day...yesterday pajama day, very popular. Had conferences, fed the teachers, usually 98% attendance for parent teacher conferences. Just got back Original Works fundraiser...brought in roughly \$3800...orders were up, but have not gotten final bill yet, so expecting to clear about half of that. Did a box top collection. Penny war coming up in January...redefining rules. Library book fair during Parent conferences, difficult to get parent volunteers, may not do book fair in the spring for this reason. Holiday fair coming up in December, accepting donations.

Sandy Knoll: no report

Superior Hills: no report

Additional Items/Old business:

Correction: Chili Cook Off Wednesday, **March 6th** (not 5th)...chili cook off is on district-wide school calendar!

Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2019. No December meeting.

Adjourn. 6:41 pm adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki