

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, October 18, 2018
6:00pm**

Meeting began at 6:05 pm

In attendance:

Emily Grout	PR	Cherry Creek
Kim Matulewicz	TR	Alternative High School
Bill Saunders		Superintendent
Jodi Micheal	PR	Graveraet Elementary
Holly Bodjanae	PR	Graveraet Elementary
Jamie Randall	SBR	School Board Representative
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Bothwell Middle School
Kim Letourneau	PR	High School
Mandy Miskovich	PR	Sandy Knoll Elementary
Kristen Cambensy	PR	Superior Hills Elementary

PR=Parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBR=School Board Rep

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

MAPS Superintendent Report: Visited choir concert, very great acts including: choral, stand-up comic and contortionist. Shiras planetarium doing teacher-driven fundraising...had hoped to make facility handicapped accessible with old bond..new projection system is in excess of \$1million dollars instead of the \$200K that was expected. \$100K commitment from Shiras Foundation for that.

“Epidemic” with vaping per H.S administrators verbiage. Had some incidents last year, but getting more reports of confiscated equipment. Previously was big, battery powered “contraption”, now small as thumb drive. Cartridges contain nicotine equivalent to a full pack of cigarettes. Marketed to kids...cotton candy, watermelon flavors. High school and middle school students. Because so concealable, students are doing it in class, hidden. Smell easy to mask (fruit smell). District will have community town hall last week in November with administration, county health department, local doctors. Principals to incorporate units on vaping education. Not illegal. Will be educating beginning in 4th grade. Bigger focus at middle and high schools.

Have severe sub shortages in teachers and instructional aids. Use district to put all marketing out, have had new subs as a result. Not even flu season yet so it is early to be having shortages.

MAPS School Board Report: Courts said they can use public school funding for private school funding about \$2.5 million.

Will publicize date for vaping instruction night.

Issuing newsletter through 31a At-Risk federal monies. Targeting K-6 parents.

Regarding water increase through City of Marquette: Bill wrote a nice letter stating it being difficult for MAPS to absorb the increase because we use a lot of water...will represent a roughly \$200K increase over the next 10 years.

Strategic planning committee met: 7 groups spoke about goals for the next three years.

School board members and superintendent will visit school once a month by invitation.

Cherry Creek this month, will visit staff, student, programs, to see good and bad

(concerns) in each building.

School Reports:

Alternative High School: Successfully planted 52 trees: oak and pine? Brian Prill set up the tree project through Lake Superior Watershed. Oct 22 having musician Brother James again, positive message, dance...kids participate and love it...2nd and 3rd graders coming this year. Parent teacher conferences coming up Nov 7th and 8th. Boat construction coming along, adding Cedar Strips, still building, BIG boat!

High School: Impressed with homecoming scenario, despite storm and moving game to the next day, still kids got into the spirit of the game. Symphony concert tomorrow. Open house was run very smoothly. Conference dates already on the web site. Interactive High School web site very usable. No Work fundraiser, still ongoing, trying to get online with Paypal, not a lot so far, but some money left over from last year. Still doing stuff for the teachers. Roughly \$5K a year budget.

Bothwell Middle School: Appreciated police visit last month at PAC mentioning vaping, that is a concern with administration and parents at Bothwell. Consequences treated the same as smoking. BPO finances Homework Club, now up and running after school. Passive fundraising competition coming up for Econo receipts and Box tops...students and teachers get prize, get very into it. Book Fair upcoming Nov 5-8. Picture day; volunteers set up. Did custodian appreciation day. Using Sign-Up Genius for volunteers for parent/teacher conference food. Looking at Meemic Foundation grants, money for principals.

Cherry Creek: Celebrated 25th anniversary with *Monsters, Mummies, and Math*, well attended. Doing Holiday gift shop Dec 14th mini-fair with local crafters. Volunteers help them shop, very fun. Kids get an opportunity to shop...also, free things table. Doing a lot of fundraisers, dining out things, discussing which restaurants and what percentage they each give. Amazon SMILE has passive fundraiser, if sign-in, but must be done at district level. Emily will pursue for entire District.

Graveraet: Just had Harvest Fest, bounce houses and games, very successful. Did sell pumpkins, small snafu, got date messed up, but they did bring some ultimately. Conferences coming up with book fair, some half days. Holiday program Dec 17th. Original Works fundraiser going on right now. Food CoOp fundraise in the Spring. Bike Club is ending. Doing holiday fair. Fourth graders went to greenhouse and made soup with the harvest. Fourth graders grow stuff. Doing popcorn Fridays this year, too.

Sandy Knoll: Fundraising Little Ceasar Pizza kit going on right now. Will be doing bookfair at the time of conferences. Oct 27th is make a difference day. Picture day coming up. Box tops and Econo receipts. Students get raffle ticket for every 10 box tops. Fresh Fruit Friday starting, popcorn Fridays. Mini-fair in December of donated items. Holiday programs coming up Dec 4th and 5th with cookies for visitors. Looking at local vendors for fundraiser

Superior Hills: Popcorn Wednesdays at the request of custodians (not Fridays). Use to have MARESA students as helpers, but not available this year, so now needs helpers. Parent helps open bags, otherwise Kristen does it ALL, over 300 bags. Do not do popcorn on half-days. Mother/son Halloween party this Friday, not really a fundraiser, just a fun time. Still debating which fundraiser to go with, normally a catalogue type. Bookfair also.

Additional Items/Old business:

Chili Cook Off March 5th ...chili cook off is on district-wide school calendar!

Superior Health Foundation offering grants related to health. Contact Kim Letourneau, \$2500 or less is small grant, do fund larger grants, like equipment. Try to fund all request.

Kristen C. met with **Education Foundation, doing some "blue events" for November for Diabetes Month.** Starting a scholarship for a student athlete with type I (or linked to type I diabetes) for \$500. Vango's hosting fundraiser 4-8pm Monday Oct 29th \$10 pizza/pasta/salad. Dec 4th swim meet vs Manistique will wear blue caps. Dec 11 girl's basketball vs Negaunee athletes wear blue socks for awareness.

Next Meeting Date: Nov 13th.

Adjourn. 6:55 pm adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Hautamaki