

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

Central Administration Office

1201 W. Fair

Marquette, MI 49855

**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Welcome and call to order-**

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by President Jim Mackey. Sign-in sheet was passed. Introductions were made.

**In attendance:**

<b>Paula Diedrich</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Bothwell</b>
<b>Justina Hautamaki</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Sandy Knoll</b>
<b>Kristen Cambensy</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Superior Hills</b>
<b>Jamie Randell</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Bothwell, MSHS</b>
<b>Emily Grout</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Cherry Creek</b>
<b>Mike Reister</b>		<b>Sandy Knoll</b>
<b>Jim Mackey</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Cherry Creek</b>
<b>Igor Kruhak</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>Sandy Knoll</b>

\*PR=Parent Rep

\*TR=Teacher Rep

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from March meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes Jamie second Igor.

**MAPS Superintendent Report:** No report.

**MAPS School Board Report:** Report was submitted by paper copy and is attached electronically.

**President Report:** Elections: Jamie Randell was elected president. Igor Kruhak will be vice president. Emily Grout will be secretary.

**School Reports:**

**Alternative High School:** No report but recruiting for a representative.

**High School:** Teacher's appreciation last week on half day. Border Grill. High school has no officers, other than a treasurer. Not a very active group.

**Bothwell:** Schwan's did not do that well. Elected new officers: President still open. Final Fresh Fruit Friday with grapes! A hit!! Border Grill teacher's appreciation. Many new parents this year and a hard time with fund raisers.

\***Marquette Marathon** looking for group to donate money. Individual schools consider volunteering and submitting a request for donation (grant application)...Labor Day weekend.

**Cherry Creek:** Cherry Picker coming on Thursday at school assembly picture and first Teacher of the Year from Cherry Creek School Association. Come out of Baycliff very well...only about \$500 from our fund. Bagging and Econo receipts raised a lot of the money. Heels for Healing t-shirts raised \$4300 for the Botts family. Yearbooks just came in. Full color. Looks very good. Very happy with that.

**Sandy Knoll:** End of the year Activity Day coming up with 5 bouncy houses. Teacher appreciation luncheon went well. Donated gift cards were raffled to teachers.

\***Technical Think Tank Committee:** Chrome books for one-to-one moving along. Individuals can bring their own device to get on the internet next fall. Committee considering allowing devices to move along with them. \$100,000 for next fall. Then the same amount each year.

**Superior Hills:** Carnival coming up June 9<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> grade going to Fayette on Thursday. Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser raised \$1200. Purchasing I-pads for all second graders next year. Elected officers for next year with contingency plans for school of choice announcement.

**Vandenboom:** No Report

**Additional Item:** Three parents spoke at last board meeting regarding lack of a teacher contract. After 17 meetings, no resolution. Some parents very concerned about lack of resolution. Cherry Creek parent group not spending money or time or back millage without resolution to contract. No group going against anyone...but teachers are mad and parent group members are angry or picking a side...lack of contract is causing frustration within parent groups. People are not happy at the schools...does not feel like the same school it was at the beginning of the year.

What do you think we can do as parents? As citizens?

Pressure...e-mails, phone calls...

Sinking fund is coming up...if no teacher support it will not happen...if parents don't support millage it is not going to happen. Some citizens might choose not to support millage to show dissatisfaction with lack of contract agreement.

Seems power structure is with the State. Some districts in state did not follow what state asked. Discussion revolves around points of interest in the debate. Community-school atmosphere and moral seems to be dropping.

**Next Meeting Date:** Third Tuesday of every month. Except December. Beginning in September 2014.

Adjourn at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justina Hautamaki, Secretary