

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Central Administration Office
1201 W Fair
Marquette MI 49855
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Welcome and call to order-

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Jamie Randall. Sign-in sheet was passed. General introductions.

In attendance:

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| Kristen Cambensy | SBR | Parent at Superior Hills |
| Jamie Randall | PR | Bothwell |
| Emily Grout | PR | Cherry Creek |
| Paula Diedrich | TR | Bothwell Teacher |
| Bill Saunders | S | MAPS |
| Igor Kruak | PR | Sandy Knoll |
| Justina Hautamaki | PR | Graveraet |

PR=parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBP=School Board Rep

S= Superintendent

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May correction Erica Morrison represents Graveraet. Motion to accept minutes Igor Kruak, Second Justina Hautamaki.

Maps Superintendent Report: Good start to the school year. Wednesday is student count. Now offering **free** transportation school to school within the district. This will help get to other schools...like Kauffman auditorium and the planetarium...will alleviate budget strain for band and orchestra. Is a revenue line item in district budget so transportation cannot be alleviated entirely...but this might help some groups.

NWEA testing, first round completed. PD day with teacher leaders to learn what types of reports we will get and what that data means. Will need some professional development to be able to use the data to improve education in the district.

ACT data came back... scores are up in the district.

Continue with one-to-one initiative. Superior Hills this year has the grant. Spending some reserves to add a few other grades. May be a longer life out of laptops that do not go home...maybe a checkout system for those who need them. Students indicate they only work 70% of the time.

Sinking fund projects...exteriors, painting, tree trimming, continue trend to keep up the facilities. Next wave is energy efficiency...to try to keep budget neutral. Boilers, windows, lighting systems...solar panels.

Had 10 retirees. Hired about 13 teachers and several new aids.

Maps School Board Report:

Met new hires at last night Board meeting.

Maps Apps for cell phones...*Nutraslice* tells nutritional information on school lunch menu.

New food guy, Chris, for the district making progress.

President report:

Welcome to the new year. Last year, because of new 5th grade, created a Baycliff PAC fundraising gathering, including Chili Fest and Fall Fest at High School gym.

School reports:

Alternative high School: no report...new rep Kim Matulewicz...now has 9th grad also.

High school: Homecoming this Friday. Float building going on this week. Game Friday at 7:30pm

Bothwell: Started year with \$8000.00 because of good fundraisers. Gave teachers \$50 each. Great turnout for parent group meeting, mostly from Cherry Creek. Good volunteer sing up at open house. Fresh Fruit Friday starting on Friday. Econo and box tops \$5K total.

Cherry Creek: A fourth of Baycliff fundraising done with Econo receipts already. JJ packs getting big...packed 165 packs this year for the entire district. Cherry Creek at about 30 per school. Fundraiser at Ore Dock for JJ Packs for all schools. Nov 7th 5:45pm-12:15am. Teacher appreciation...is there bus driver appreciation...plan district wide appreciation like food...**breakfast or after like Border grill...Oct 22 presidents meeting will talk about it...or gift card.**

Where is developmental Kindergarten going? Will tech lab return?

Sandy Knoll: Igor new president of SKSA. \$75 teacher appreciation give, possibly \$25 more. Doing Farm raiser. 5 items only. Food Coop does work in background, Farmraiser processes payments. So far raised \$2000 in five days, with three days left. School gets 40% of that. **Consider staggering fundraisers...from each different school.** Picture day. Group presidents for contract or district contract...seems like every school is getting different rates some making money as a fundraiser...recommended bidding for photographers to compare prices and get funds as a fundraiser like other schools do. Has been frustrating for parent group.

Superior Hills: Picture day yesterday. \$250 teacher appreciation grants to start off the year. Just started fundraiser, Charleston Wrap, wrapping paper and cookie dough. Braided bracelet prize. Sunday at 1pm mother and son movie day. \$4.00per ticket with our own theater for the movie...theater charges for ticket reduced rate, and reduced rate for pop and popcorn. Preordered tickets, sent home order forms. As a parent group only cost... up to 100 its \$5 per person. Arranged things with the theater. Starting popcorn next Wed...alt high school students pop popcorn on Wednesdays.

Graveraet: Mike from Sandy Knoll is going to help start Farm to Family Fundraiser.

Use principal for help getting parents willing to take roles with group. Approach someone directly asking for u and friend to help. First GPA meeting October 12. Library is up and running and automated. Jean

Hetrick (school board) generously donated books. Playground swings have been lowered and playground committee will reconvene this fall.

Old Business: Can we move meeting time up half-hour? All group in favor. Meetings will begin half hour earlier...6pm. Motion Emily. Igor second. Secretary--please make agenda and minutes for next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: October 20th at 6:00pm.

Adjourn. 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Justina Hautamaki, Secretary 2015-2016