

Marquette Area Public Schools
Parent Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
Central Administration Office
1201 W Fair
Marquette MI 49855
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Welcome and call to order-

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President Jamie Randall. Sign-in sheet was passed.

In attendance:

Kristen Cambensy	SBR	Parent at Superior Hills
Jamie Randall	PR	Bothwell
Paula Deidrich	TR	Bothwell
Bill Saunders	S	MAPS
Kim Matulewicz	TR	Alternative High School
Katy Vessels	TR	MSHS
Justina Hautamaki	PR	Graveraet

PR=parent Rep

TR=Teacher Rep

SBP=School Board Rep

S= Superintendent

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve October minutes Jamie Randall. Second Justina Hautamaki.

Maps Superintendent Report: Adding another section of early childhood special education to address class size issues. Several children coming out of the kindergarten program. Hiring part time kindergarten teacher for Superior Hills and part time for Graveraet. One con is that Superior Hills will lose their designated computer lab space.

Designated list for capital projects for summer 2016 include boiler and school entry. BLP rates increase encouraged district to look at energy saving. Not many smaller project to help decrease energy use, big projects take about 28 years to realize a return for the money. Boilers replacement is more like a 12 year payback. Investigating a solar farm to help with energy costs.

Running out of some elementary classroom space. Slippery slope; came off 15 year window lost students, two years static, last few years have seen some growth. If enrolment stays steady we must investigate some options. Looking ahead and looking at that process. Cannot tell future regarding jobs in the area with no easy answer but being investigated.

Web notices: part of the App purchased last year. Allows school to instantaneously alert parents...snow days, library fines, attendance, lunch balance...more advertisements will be out a parent/teacher conferences this week. Asked Chris Collins to give data on Nutraslice menu system...13,000 hits. Ratings system especially useful for menu adapting.

Panic pendants...lightning fast, local police respond immediately. Still going through the testing stage right now. Four seconds to call center. In false alarm, Sandy Knoll estimates 4 police cars in about 30 seconds. Some parents awfully worried about it...one parent complaint at Sandy Knoll for drill.

Maps School Board Report: Kristen went to Travers City for School Board conference. Interesting to see. Some schools have 3D printers. One more class to be certified level one board member.

President report: Still working on portrait negotiations. Put out form to get bids from photography companies. Kristen added: Lakeshore helping parent group to get one sheet of photos for each child (those who were not able to order). Can we ask teachers get packet of pictures for free, then teachers could donate their package to a student?

School reports:

Alternative high School: working on SAT prep...on half day, will do all school SAT prep. Continuing with a movie at the Public Library today. Parent/Teacher conferences this week. Thanksgiving feast for everyone, students bring in food, cooking class makes a turkey, and have a large meal for all the students to eat together the day before Thanksgiving break. Started Rock the Socks coming up beginning end of November...all schools doing different days. Charities are asking if they have socks knowing about the program.

Kickball tournament for teachers...and other social events for teachers to get together.

High School: End of the quarter and conferences now. Supporting Rock the Socks. Finished dodgeball tournament for the advisories....Solinski's class won...teachers can play. Renaissance underway. New principals have started attendance review to create an attendance policy. Promoting attendance to contact parents and send info about detriment of absences. Jon Young, Chris Messano, Amanda Erspamer-Berry are new principals. New music teacher seems to be going well. New English teacher, Health teacher. SAT prep is going on. PTSO for conferences...Honor society will have computers in hall ways to help parent's access google assignments and can print off to help parents who aren't familiar learn how to access it. Runner signed letter of intent with Michigan State. Parent group will have conference to promo no-work-fundraiser.

False Alarm/Drill with panic button was good for the students. Drill even with difficult students/room when very well.

Google difficult for parents to access without code...must have student code or school e-mail address.

Bothwell: Final week of Econo contest...\$300,000 so 3K was earned in passive fundraising. Conferences with teacher luncheon. Retakes went well. Book fair going on with Christmas tree for Teacher's wish list. Leave it in lobby so it's up through the holidays. Holiday dance...Mrs. Beecher spearheading with her advisory...to raise funds for PJ's and books...\$6 for dance or \$10 for dance and unlimited photo booth.

Cherry Creek: No Representative

Graveraet: Getting fall Farmraiser (food coop) underway...Selling school t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, hoodies and sweat pants. Book fair beginning during Parent/teacher conferences. Holiday mini-fair December 11 during school hours. Playground committee up and running. Popcorn up and running every other Friday. Added note from Paula: the Union is buying gift cards for all aides for day

Sandy Knoll: No representative.

Superior Hills: Book fair going on right now...buy one get one free...with option of donating one for the library. Lots of Scholastic dollars to work with from past years. Also give each student a free book around spring break...getting into graphic novels and popular titles. Christmas Concert coming up with bake sales before....also utilizing Kohl's volunteers. Saturday March 5th will be carnival and kick off for book fair...will get new books for spring. March 7th 5th grade Chili Cookoff. April 22 Daddy/Daughter dance. Fall fundraiser pick up next week...Charleston Wrap.

Old Business: Tabling Bus driver appreciation day until next meeting. February...Justina will ask for sure if Kim is coordinating a luncheon or catered luncheon.

Q: Is there any reason parent/teacher conferences fall around deer season?
Because it falls around the end of the marking period.
Tried to move it before Thanksgiving for better attendance.

Next Meeting Date: January 19th at 6:00pm.

Adjourn. 7:09pm

Respectfully submitted,
Justina Hautamaki, Secretary 2015-2016