

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, September 15, 2017
10:00-11:30AM
Central Office- Hammonasset Room

Purpose

The general purpose of the Parents' Representative Council (PRC) is to advise the Superintendent regarding parental concerns about the schools, to provide a forum for parent liaisons from each school to have a voice in decision making and problem solving and to foster a spirit of cooperative community and parental involvement in the promotion of the Madison Public Schools.

PRC Meeting Dates

September 15	January 19	May 8
October 20	February 16	June TBD
November 17	March 16	
December 15	April 13	

AGENDA

Attendees

Superintendent	Tom Scarice
PRC Chairperson	Maureen Lewis
DHHS	Keiler Snow
Polson	Julie Pildner, Jen Thompson
Brown	Chris McSweeney, Denise Fogleman
Island Ave.	Gina Flood, Sarah Drought, Jennifer Greenwald
Jeffrey	Liz Kench, Sarah Valentine
Ryerson	Bee Gordon
Guest Speaker	Sarah Vetter

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by Maureen Lewis.

2) Guest Speaker Sarah Vetter

Sarah invited all to participate in an event at the First Congregational Church called **Having "The Talk"**. There will be a dinner and then a presentation by Dave Janvier, a licensed therapist, on helping kids develop healthy relationships and sexuality in a highly sexualized Tech-driven culture. The event will take place October 14, from 5-9pm. Cost is \$10 per adult. Register at www.fccmadison.org. This information will go out via backpack express. Tom expressed concern with exposure to violence and pornography in our tech savvy youth culture. He encourages us to come together as members of the PRC to help support these discussions.

3) Superintendent's Report

Opening of school went smooth and uneventful. Bus routes are going well. Back to School Nights are going well. Sports and performing arts activities have begun.

District revamped their website last year. To continue with improvements, they will be ramping up multi-media and social media over the next year.

Working on self-accountability for the district by developing a parent satisfaction mechanism (focus group/poll) to be ready for the 2nd half of the year.

Fundraising- don't feel the pressure to raise money for school gifts. Our better focus would be to provide more family events that "break even" and cultural events (music, guest speakers, etc.)

Unified Sports Booster- someone looking into starting a program that would be k-12. Great way to build empathy in our adolescents.

Referendum Meeting to be held Monday, September 18 at 6:30 at Island Avenue School. The Lead Consultant from the Development Group as well as the Town Finance Director will be in attendance to help answer questions. Babysitters are needed for this meeting, please contact Sarah Drought to help.

Tom has written a letter to The Source to be published this Thursday. He handed out copies for us to read. His purpose is not to persuade, only to inform. Contact Tom directly or encourage others to contact him with any questions.

Tom's Brown Bag lunch will be rescheduled from Monday next week to another day next week.

4) Review/ Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 21, 2017 meeting by Denise Fogleman, second by Jen Thompson.

Motion to approve minutes of May 19, 2017 meeting by Maureen Lewis, second by Denise Fogleman.

5) Subcommittee Responsibilities Decided

Custodian Appreciation Ryerson

K-12 Art Show Jeffrey

Transportation Council Polson

Food Services Council Brown

M.A.D.E. Liaison DHHS

MYFS Liaison Island

Political Action **ALL-** Each school will help. Sarah Drought to contact previous chair Nancy Tong for information.

6) Round Table:

Tabled until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45am