

**Parent's Representative Council Meeting**  
**Friday, October 20, 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**

<b>Superintendent</b>	Tom Scarice
<b>PRC Chairperson</b>	Maureen Lewis
<b>DHHS</b>	Keiler Snow, Katie Wallace
<b>Polson</b>	Julie Pildner, Jen Thompson
<b>Brown</b>	Chris McSweeney, Denise Fogleman, Diane Vyce
<b>Island Ave.</b>	
<b>Jeffrey</b>	Liz Kench
<b>Ryerson</b>	Michelle Menard

**Meeting Notes**

**1) Welcome/Introductions/Updates**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Maureen Lewis. Maureen opened the floor to discuss the outcome of the referendum. The board of education decided to close Island Avenue School with a target date of June, 2019, although a closing date of June, 2020 is possible. Many issues need to be addressed including the transition, school reconfiguration and redistricting (currently 12 months out).

Maureen spoke to the possibility of the elementary PTO's sponsoring an event that would bring the elementary schools together prior to redistricting and asked for suggestions. Maureen noted that our PRC team is mindful of executive board PTO nominations and PTO funds that will eventually transition. Maureen suggested a collaborative budget reporting format for all PTOs to consider.

PRC Sponsored Candidates Forum will be held on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Polson Middle School. The event is co-sponsored and moderated by the League of Women Voters- East Shore. Flyers have been distributed via email and also to all local media. Maureen will set up an Eventbrite invitation that can be emailed. All PTOs agreed to share the cost of hospitality for the event. Madison Cable Access will record and air the event.

<http://www.madisontv.org/>

**2) Superintendent's Report**

Madison Youth & Family Services would like to attend next month's meeting to discuss putting all events under one umbrella and would like to share their thoughts with the PRC group. These events would involve timely issues, such as the use of technology. Superintendent Scarice and John Fixx, Head of The Country School, are discussing co-sponsoring events.

Superintendent Scarice reported on the events of this past month:

- The robbery in Westbrook on October 13 ended here in Madison with the suspect crossing through the Town Campus fields. Madison Police issued a Code Yellow at the TLC which then turned to a Code Red. The suspect was caught in the area of Five Fields Road shortly thereafter.
- Last Thursday night, Superintendent Scarice was made aware by the police department of suicide telephone calls and by Friday morning, threats were allegedly made at the high school. The police placed extra officers at the school which resulted in a flurry of gossip. By 9:30 it was certain the threats were conjecture and that nothing was happening. Superintendent Scarice commented how difficult it has become to get a handle on social media. A discussion ensued regarding addressing contentious topics in the classroom and how teachers handle the fall out.
- Removed high school coach due to offensive language used toward students.

### 3) Review/ Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting by Julie Pildner, second by Jen Thompson.

### 4) Subcommittee Reports / Updates

#### a) **Brown – Food Services meeting dates: October 12, January 11, March 8, May 10.**

Food Services supplying sandwiches to sports team. Katie Wallace suggested distributing a flyer to the booster clubs for distribution as a way to spread the word. Nutritional information is on the website. Addressing the negative lunch balance situation at the elementary schools; food will not be taken away. Other schools trying to determine how to handle as well.

#### b) **Polson - Transportation Council Meeting dates: October 12, January 11, March 8, and May 15.** Opening of school went smoothly. Next meeting on January 11. Driver appreciation breakfast scheduled for April. PTO will again purchase gift cards.

#### c) **DHHS – M.A.D.E. Liaison:** nothing to report

#### d) **Island – MYFS Liaison:** Don Cramer to conduct sexual harassment training to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. PTO meeting in January – coffee with counselors. Dress up for \$1 with proceeds going to MYFS.

#### e) **Jeffrey – K12 Art Show Hospitality:** nothing to report

#### f) **Ryerson – Custodian Appreciation:** nothing to report

### 5) Round Table:

**Ryerson:** mini golf night a success (9 holes, \$6 per round) – held in the multi-purpose room. Magic show scheduled for Halloween.

**Island:** Lookforthe good.org videos posted on website. Two week gratitude campaign – students post daily on the gratitude wall. Event includes t-shirt fundraiser. Costume party next Friday.

**Jeffrey:** no report

**Brown:** box top contest ends today. Bake sale raised \$450; will also sponsor a bake sale on Election Day.

**Polson:** survey monkey sent to parents for their input. Meeting on October 17:

Technology – will create a panel

**DHHS:** no report

Motion to adjourn at 11:45am