

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, October 19, 2018
12:00-1:30PM
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 21	January 18	May 17
October 19	February 15	No June mtg.
November 16	March 15	
No December mtg.	April 26	

AGENDA

Attendees:

Superintendent	Tom Scarice
PRC Chairperson	Maureen Lewis
Hand	Katy Wallace, Amy Manion
Polson	Beth Skudder, Sarah Valentine
Brown	Lisa Lee
Jeffrey	Liz Kench, Jessica Maynard
Ryerson	Bee Gordon
Island	Nancy Costanzo, Gina Flood

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Maureen Lewis.

2) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Scarice provided the following:

- At our last Board of Education meeting, we gave a presentation regarding our social / emotional learning program. A good deal of time and money has been invested in training, curriculum and responses to kids (i.e. clinical supports). The presentation addressed our core program, K-8 responsive classroom.
- Nothing new to report regarding redistricting. Staffing assignments will be announced sometime after the Board adopts the 19/20 budget on January 22.
- With the anticipation of 4th graders coming to Brown in September, the Facilities Committee met on October 2 at Brown Middle School to discuss OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning Program). Clearing of the land is scheduled to begin in September, with an ETA of September, 2020 for a full outdoor play area.

3) **Review/ Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve September 21, 2018 meeting minutes by Sarah Valentine, 2nd by Gina Flood, all in favor.

4) **Round Table:**

Polson: General meeting on October 4 – talked about social/emotional wellbeing and services. Math career day November 16. Eighth grade game night November 19. Veterans Day assembly on Monday, November 12. Beth Skudder reported that she attended the Madison Youth & Family Services meeting on October 9 along with 2 DHHS students where a discussion took place regarding vaping and juuling. A presentation by the Polson PTO, MYFS & M.A.D.E. will take place on Wednesday, November 28 at the Polson library entitled “Smoke Screen”. The evening will consist of a presentation of facts, data and sample paraphernalia by Scott Cochran of MYFS and his staff. Following this informative session, a panel of local experts will be a part of a community conversation on the topic of e-cigarettes in our community. Guests include a pediatrician, DHHS students, parents, MYFS and MPS staff.

Ryerson: Magic show for all elementary schools October 26 at Polson. Book fair next week. Parent help has increased.

Hand: Smoke Screen event discussed at executive board meeting. First PTO meeting well attended. Homecoming is November 3. Fall play, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, taking place November 15-17.

Jeffrey: 75 tickets have sold to-date for the Magic Show; with show previews occurring Monday at Jeffrey and Ryerson and on Tuesday at IAS. Good turnout at parents’ night.

IAS: Dues are up. Fall festival family night is November 2.

Brown: Dues are up with more coming in. Box tops push ongoing.

5) **Subcommittee Reports**

Island – Food Services: no report as Food Services has not yet met. (First meeting 10/25)

Ryerson – Transportation Council: no report as October 11 Transportation council meeting cancelled.

DHHS – M.A.D.E.: Tina Garrity, M.A.D.E. Board Chair, gave a presentation at the last meeting, reporting on the School Safety Conference she attended. Sandy Hook Promise also presented on free programs they offer to towns/school districts. Mrs. Song, Guilford mom, spoke about securing guns in the home. M.A.D.E. is focusing a lot of effort on vaping and is working on a future event. Roots, a new group at Hand, is combining a number of MYFS/M.A.D.E programs and Roar is beginning again at Polson.

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.