

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2019
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	Keiler Snow
Polson	Sarah Valentine
Brown	Jan Scott, Tina Phelan
Jeffrey	Liz Kench, Jessica Maynard
Ryerson	Bee Gordon
Island	Kara Shia, Nancy Costanzo

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Maureen Lewis.

Maureen Lewis continued her conversation from the February PRC meeting regarding school budgets and the moving of remaining money in each school's account. Maureen recommended leaving the issue status quo as this has not been a previous practice. Maureen mentioned the only school that should move funds at the end of this school year is Island Avenue, and that is only in the event there is money left.

2) Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Scarice referenced the eNotify of yesterday, "Educating our Children in Difficult Times" which can be found on the district website. A section dedicated to Social/Emotional Learning can be found on the district website homepage as well.
- Working with Madison Youth & Family Services on the integration of the 40 Developmental Assets for Students into all facets of the town, the schools, etc.
- The next Public Hearing will take place on Monday, April 22 in the Polson auditorium. Superintendent Scarice asked the PRC to spread the word and help with encouraging attendance.
- Career Fair last night was well-attended and very successful.

3) **Review/ Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve February 15, 2019 meeting minutes by Liz Kench, 2nd by Jessica Maynard, all in favor.

4) **Round Table:**

Polson: Be Smart presentation on March 6 not well attended. New presentation & different time may help; new date TBD. Thirty-five students attended the first after school event last Monday – Library and gym open, teacher did karaoke. Parents donated drinks & snacks. Joint PTO meeting scheduled for May 1.

Ryerson: no report.

Hand: March 3 PTO meeting well-attended. Diversity Club hosted a Muslim teacher from NYC who spoke about the discrimination she has faced. Past Diversity Club members were invited to discuss what they have run into in college. MYFS spoke about the current efforts through the high school. Interact Club is sponsoring a “Yes to the Dress” event to bring prom dresses to students in New Haven who might not otherwise be able to buy a dress. Next month, the PTO will host a speaker regarding anxiety and Katherine Barden will speak about the “40 Assets”. Tickets are available for the Vibe performance tonight and “Newsies, the Musical” begins on April 4.

Jeffrey: Mini golf with Island a big success with 165 golfers. PTO-sponsored science event this week with Eli-Whitney Museum; next week: Cool-ology. Began working on Spring Fling at this morning’s PTO meeting.

IAS: Science fair coming up. Spring workshops coming up. Mrs. Bransfield is conducting a Writing for Bloggers workshop. Dance camps and yoga workshops will also be held. Miniature golf very successful. Square One Art underway.

Brown: Book fair scheduled for next week, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Family night scheduled for Wednesday – pizza, mini golf, bake sale, etc. \$530 made from box top drive.

5) **Subcommittee Reports**

Island – Food Services: no report.

Ryerson – Transportation Council: no update; meeting occurring this week.

Polson – MYFS: Many initiatives, classes, ongoing meetings and special events at DHHS, Polson and Brown to support students. MYFS staff are receiving multiple new referrals weekly. “Breathe Week” taking place this week ahead of DHHS exams. MYFS will be working with Superintendent Scarice on how to more fully integrate the 40 Development Assets for students into town, school, faith communities, etc. Group is working with MPS regarding staffing adjustments and plans for best service delivery in light of reconfiguration, as well as the Child Wellness Committee. MYFS participating in a presentation on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Country School.

Brown – K12 Art Show Hospitality: no report.

Jeffrey – Custodian Appreciation: no report.

Note: MADE is providing free Narcan training on April 4. Registration is encouraged.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.