

**Parent's Representative Council Meeting**  
**Friday, April 26, 2019**  
**12:00-1:30 PM**  
**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**

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| September 21     | January 18  | May 10 |
| October 19       | February 15 | June 7 |
| November 16      | March 15    |        |
| No December mtg. | April 26    |        |

**AGENDA**

**Attendees:**

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| <b>Superintendent</b>  | Tom Scarice            |
| <b>Board Chair</b>     | Katie Stein            |
| <b>PRC Chairperson</b> | Maureen Lewis          |
| <b>Hand</b>            | Keiler Snow            |
| <b>Polson</b>          | Sarah Valentine        |
| <b>Brown</b>           | Jan Scott, Tina Phelan |
| <b>Jeffrey</b>         | Jessica Maynard        |
| <b>Ryerson</b>         | Bee Gordon             |
| <b>Island</b>          | not in attendance      |

**Meeting Notes**

**1) Welcome/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Janice Florentine (filling in for Maureen Lewis).

**2) Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Scarice reviewed upcoming events:

- Budget Referendum - May 14, 2019
  - The Brown playground was slated for opening September, 2020. However, if the referendum passes, it will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - The PTO will be placing voting signs around town. Additionally, Beth Skudder is organizing a "make your own sign" event on May 5 from 4 – 6 p.m.
- May 2, 2019 – Presentation – "Invasion of Innocence" at The Country School on May 2, 2019 beginning at 6 p.m. Superintendent Scarice is part of a panel that includes Scott Cochran from MYFS and Claudia Califano, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at the Yale Child Study Center. Superintendent Scarice asked the PRC to pass the information along to each PTO.
- Public Forum – May 16, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium.
- The Board is looking at a policy regarding non-Madison students attending school here by paying tuition. With enrollment declining, now is a good time to consider this policy.

- Great Blue Research, located in Connecticut, will be conducting a survey regarding our school facilities and options. They will be attending the May 10 meeting to “test” the survey questions with the PRC.

### 3) Review/ Approve Minutes

Motion to approve March 15, 2019 meeting minutes by Keiler Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Valentine, all in favor.

### 4) Round Table:

**Hand:** Officer Mulhern and Decker attended the last PTO meeting. Next month, Superintendent Scarice and Katherine Barden will be discussing the “40 Developmental Assets” and Dana Hilmer will address anxiety. Spring musical a great success and spring teams doing well. Jr. Prom tonight, Night in Hand underway (May 3). Melanie Whitcher, Math Coordinator at Hand, has been appointed Assistant Principal, replacing Cindi Schneider.

**Jeffrey:** Last night, Becky Frost greeted incoming Kindergarten students as well as new Jeffrey families. The event was well attended and very positive. Becky read a story, told the children about upcoming events and that children from Island Avenue would be coming to the school next year. Spring Fling scheduled for May 3 from 5:30 – 7:30. Field Day June 7 with a rain date of June 10.

**Ryerson:** Transition meeting/welcome night for Jeffrey parents last night. Fun Fair, May 4. Give to Grow, May 6. Field Date June 6 with a rain date of June 11. Looking for PTO Board members.

**Polson:** Bylaws revised and approved. Teacher appreciation lunch – May 14. Transition meeting – May 16, 7-8 p.m. Law Day – May 17. Nominations going out on Monday.

**IAS:** no report.

**Brown:** Successful ecology day. Teacher appreciation lunch coming up, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations. Rented a dunking machine, cotton candy machine, etc.

### 5) Subcommittee Reports

**Island – Food Services:** no report.

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

**Polson – MYFS:** MYFS is strongly opposed to the State of CT legalizing marijuana – letters have been sent to State Representatives. Next step: create a vaping program for teens. 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:** Show was well received – total for refreshments is \$67.30 (\$11.21 divided amongst the 6 schools).

**Jeffrey – Custodian Appreciation:** no report.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.