

**Parent's Representative Council Meeting**  
**Friday, January 17, 2020**  
**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**

September 20	January 17	May 15
October 18	February 21	June 5
November 22 (cancelled)	March 20	
No December mtg.	April 17	

**AGENDA**

**Attendees:**

<b>Superintendent</b>	Tom Scarice
<b>PRC Chairperson</b>	Maureen Lewis
<b>Hand</b>	Keiler Snow
<b>Polson</b>	Elaine Cappiello, Christina Morris
<b>Brown</b>	Tina Phelan
<b>Jeffrey</b>	Liz Plasky, Allison Bauer
<b>Ryerson</b>	Candace Barnes

**Meeting Notes**

**1) Welcome/Introductions**

Maureen Lewis called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**2) Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Scarice reported on the following:

1. Madison Youth & Family Services conducts a student survey every 2 years and this year was an "on" year. Every student participates. Results, with an accompanying press release (addressing a number of behaviors), will be made public within the next few weeks. Mr. Scarice discussed the "40 Developmental Assets" and the corresponding work with the Whole Child Wellness Team.
2. The budget was passed at the January 7 Board meeting with a modest increase and the Board intends to go forth with a referendum.

**3) Review / Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from the October 18, 2019 meeting, as amended by Tina Phelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christina Morris, all in favor.

**4) Round Table**

**Ryerson**

Winter workshops are underway. Junior Achievement will be working with Grade 3 classes on February 28. Third grade students made cards for fire fighters and animal rescuers in Australia, along with making 75 animal pouches. They contributed money to buy the fabric and then measured, cut sewed the pouches which will be used for baby

kangaroos, bats, koalas and birds that were lost or separated from their mothers during the fires. PRC was given a sneak preview of the yearbook cover, designed by 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Waiting on date for custodian appreciation lunch.

### **Jeffrey**

A full school Junior Achievement day occurred in November and every class had 1 or 2 parents volunteer their time. Holiday shop was a big success. Cultural arts program has begun and Cool to Care week is coming to a close. Look for the Good coming in April. Last week's Family Fun Night was well attended. Science month is booked and Read Across America occurs the first week in March. Yearbook is up and running.

### **Brown**

Brown PTO is working on a "buddy bench" which students will name. Defibtech, a biotechnology company located in Guilford and in conjunction with Madison Youth Basketball, is donating an automatic external defibrillator to Brown, which will be placed in the main office. Scholastic readers have been donated to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Frank Henderson is currently looking into barriers to be placed between the buses and the school.

### **Polson**

Martha Curran has been named as the new Assistant Principal. Career day was held this week for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. "Game on", an after school program held in November with great success, will be offered again in March. The Polson PTO and Madison Youth & Family Services will conduct a presentation on the "40 Developmental Assets" January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Christina Morris will email dollar amounts to be reimbursed for refreshments for the Candidates Forum.

### **Hand**

At the January 7<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting, the Art and English Departments discussed curriculum changes. The athletic director and the SRO spoke, as well as Scott Cochran from Madison Youth & Family Services who discussed vaping. Freshman orientation is scheduled for next week. Canterbury Tales was a success and winter sports are underway. Orchestra Concert performed last night and Band Concert is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

## **5) PRC Subcommittees**

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

**Brown – Transportation Council:** comments from DHHS regarding transportation to ECA.

**DHHS – M.A.D.E. & MYFS:** information will be provided about meeting at the Sr. Center with the Boards of Selectmen & Finance. Lisa Deane spoke about Demand Zero and is working to get the Hidden in Plain Sight room set-up.

**Polson – K12 Art Show:** no report.

**Ryerson – Custodian Appreciation:** date TBD.

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.