

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, January 22, 2021
11:30 AM – 12:30 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

January 22, 2021
February 19, 2021
March 19, 2021
April 23, 2021
May 21, 2021
June 4, 2021

Attendees:

Superintendent	Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
PRC Chairperson	Maureen Lewis
Hand	Keiler Snow
Polson	Christina Morris
Brown	Tina Phelan
Jeffrey	Liz Tucker-Plasky, Megan Hogarth, Kim Frary
Ryerson	Candace Barnes, Jen Chambers

1) Welcome/Introductions

Maureen Lewis called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Members introduced themselves.

2) Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Dr. Cooke discussed the budget, the creation of which began before his arrival and noted that in the future, the process will start at the teacher level. Details of the budget will be included in today's eNotify.

- Addition of a security position as buildings need to be open more due to COVID.
- Addition of another Tech Support specialist, primarily due to 1:1 devices.
- Addition of Math Interventionist at DHHS. Students are experiencing difficulties in math due to decreased classroom time. Hand is the only school without a Math Interventionist. We want to ensure success in Algebra as those grades are a focus on college applications.
- Madison Intervention Academy – a student support program anticipated for August (allowing families a break after the end of the school year).
- Technology Committee looking at interactive boards at a cost of \$4,000 per classroom. The district did receive a \$200,000 grant which will be utilized at Polson & Brown. We are looking at all core classrooms throughout the district and plan to have a lease ready for September (Polson & Brown will be farther along).
- Addition of \$75,000 for security measures throughout the district.

Reductions:

- A decrease in health insurance for 21-22 due to a positive claims experience this year.

- Reduced staff of 3.2 FTE at DHHS due to approximately 90 less students. This will not take away any necessary programs.
- Decrease in staff development due to fewer professional development days next year.

Dr. Cooke stated a plan is in the works in the event the budget does not pass and also mentioned the bus contract, with a 0% increase, is currently under review.

We had anticipated staff would be vaccinated around this time and may need to have a different type of school day(s) depending on when the vaccines arrive.

Lastly, the Board requested I pick up on the new PreK-5 school project on the Hand & Polson campus that will ultimately close Ryerson & Jeffrey and add upgrades to Polson and some work to Brown.

3) Round Table

Brown

Tina Phelan reported there will be a Brown PTO meeting on February 9 with Dr. Cooke in attendance. The PTO will be paying for yearbooks this year for everyone. Dues were collected at the beginning of the school year. Hosted a back to school lunch for teachers and plan to hold a teacher appreciation event. No general meetings have occurred.

Jeffrey

Liz Tucker-Plasky reported the PTO hand delivered yearbooks this past summer. Jeffrey PTO has formed a pandemic team this year and placed all information online. Teacher appreciation activities included the Jitter Bus (coffee for all staff). For students, we purchased cubbies for second grade & outdoor bins and paid for a subscription to Scholastic News for all students. We will be doing yearbooks this year, but still considering the design/layout. Pie fundraiser in the fall. There will be a PTO meeting on February 3 with Dr. Cooke in attendance. Looking at some type of online activity or outside event for Science month.

Ryerson

Candace Barnes reported the PTO funded interactive art work on the black top and pictures can be found on the website. Yearbook is underway and volunteers are taking pictures outdoors during recess; teachers sharing pics on Google drive. 100 Days of School will be the background. Food drive in November, Toy Drive, Lyman Pies and Spirit Wear. Held a teacher appreciation breakfast. Meeting as a general PTO every other month and Executive meeting every month. Send updates to teachers and they pass along to parents. Swing set will be replaced that was damaged due to the storm. Collected dues, but not pushing.

Polson

Christina Morris reported that last year's money was forwarded onto Hand. There has not been a big push for dues as we are trying to keep things lean, but if done, dues will be collected through Sign Up Genius. Hosted a "Coffee with Counselors" this fall. Hope to have a general meeting in February with someone from MYFS & possibly Dr. Cooke in attendance. Parent support seminar.

Hand

Keiler Snow reported the Hand PTO has met online twice since the beginning of the school year. Both meetings focused on changes (Program of Studies, Graduation Requirements), were well attended and recorded. Dr. Cooke and Scott Cochran were in attendance. Dues were collected during a welcome back to school event. Money passed along from Polson has been earmarked for students. Class selection occurring on line this year. Sports have begun and this year's Hands on Stage play will be a live radio performance.

4) PRC Subcommittees

There have been no food services or transportation council meetings this year. It was decided that the elementary schools will handle bus driver appreciation and Polson/Brown will handle custodian appreciation. Hand will be responsible for MYFS.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.