

Parent's Representative Council Meeting

Friday, April 29, 2022

9:30 AM – 11:00 PM

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 24, 2021	February 25, 2022 (rescheduled to March 4)
October 29, 2021 (cancelled)	April 1, 2022 (rescheduled from March 25)
November 19, 2021	April 29, 2022
December 17, 2021 (cancelled)	May 27, 2022
January 21, 2022	June 10, 2022

Attendees:

Superintendent	Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
PRC Chairperson(s)	Sarah Drought
Hand	Keiler Snow
Polson	
Brown	Liz Tucker-Plasky
Jeffrey	Sarah DeBenedictis
Ryerson	Erica McMillian

1. Welcome/Introductions

Sarah Drought called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Zoe Roos, Communications Specialist, asked the PRC members in attendance to please send her a list of teacher appreciation events, as well as any pictures that may be taken.

2. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Dr. Cooke reported there has not been much discussion regarding the budget referendum (May 17) and no concerning questions have come up. There is a low budget impact to Madison citizens. The town has placed more money into CIP projects; Dr. Cooke asked the committee to help spread the word.

Year-end events are taking place as done pre-COVID. Spring Fling is tomorrow night and the Polson promotion ceremony will take place outside.

The Board of Selectmen have selected a Building Committee which will begin meeting next week. We are looking into placing a teacher liaison on the committee and have asked Peggy Lyons to bring that back to the Board of Selectmen. The website has been updated as much as can be to this point, as we are still early in the process. Eleven architectural bids have been received (all know major players applied).

Liz Tucker-Plasky asked if MYFS would consider conducting a survey focused on anxiety for the lower grades. Dr. Cooke will follow-up with Scott Cochran re: a 6-8 survey on the off years of the DHHS survey.

3. Approval of April 1, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 PRC Meeting by Liz-Tucker Plasky, second by Keiler Snow. Unanimously approved.

4. Round Table

Hand

Keiler Snow reported

- RENT was very successful
- Hands Got Talent (fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity) took place last night
- Spring Fling (homecoming) takes place this Saturday
- Proms coming up – Jr. prom on May 20, Sr. prom on June 4
- For Teacher Appreciation week – Neil’s Donuts Tuesday morning, luncheon on Thursday catered by What’s Cookin, parents contributing desserts, soda, etc., Snack bar on Friday (teachers can grab and go)
- PTO president position has not yet been filled, bylaws state Vice President has to step up until one is found

Brown

Liz Tucker-Plasky reported

- First annual movie night at Madison Cinemas very successful. Students were surveyed for a choice of 5 movies – Sand Lot was chosen. Hoping to do twice next year – possibly during a Professional Development? A double feature?
- Book Fair taking place next week
- School store opening next Friday
- Spirit wear sales done for this school year
- 4th & 5th Grade celebrations – using Kit Kat Ice Cream with 3 ice cream choices

Ryerson

Erica McMillian reported

- Scholastic Book Fair this week
- Preparing for Variety Show May 14 on the Town Green with 80 students participating
- Planning Give to Grow on June 3
- Field Day also on June 3 – gift will be given to each student
- Working on 3rd grade celebrations
- Open PTO positions easily filled
- Coordinating a play day at Brown for incoming 4th graders

Jeffrey

Sarah Drought read the following provided by Megan Hogarth

- We are excited for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week! We continued what we hope will be a long-standing tradition of a large banner outside the school for families to sign with a "thank you" note. We are following a beach theme this week - Jeffrey's teachers and staff are "SUN-Sational" with some cute activities during the week such as: handing out leis to all teachers/staff/students, beach balls at recess, ice-pops for students on Friday, a dessert bar and brunch. We are also gifting the teacher's lounge with 2 new microwaves.
- Jeffrey will host a "BOGO" Scholastic book fair May 16th-18th
- Workshops continue to be a success! The last session for the year begins next week.
- Nominations for the JES PTO Executive Board 2022-2023 board are now open.
- We are holding our largest fundraiser, "Jeffrey Parent's Night Out" fundraiser this weekend at the Surf Club
- Our next general PTO meeting is Wednesday, May 4th via Zoom at 7pm with Brown Principal Frank Henderson

Polson – no report

PRC Subcommittees

Keiler Snow gave an update regarding MYFS, noting they have board vacancies that need to be filled. MYFS has started a Social Outreach Pilot Program with the Madison Police Department. Annual awards ceremony was last night; both students and community members were recognized. Scott Cochran and Catherine Barden presented at the April 5 Board of Education meeting.

Bus Driver Appreciation lunch scheduled for May 19 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Surf Club
Custodian Appreciation lunch scheduled for June 2 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Hammonasset Room

- 5. Old Business**
- 6. Future Agenda Items** – districtwide registration platform
- 7. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.