

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, May 21, 2021
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Via Zoom

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 – rescheduled to February 26
March 19, 2021
April 23, 2021
May 21, 2021
June 4, 2021

Attendees:

Superintendent	Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
Board Chair	Galen Cawley
PRC Chairperson	Maureen Lewis
Hand	Jan Scott
Polson	Christina Morris
Brown	Tina Phelan
Jeffrey	Liz Tucker-Plasky, Meghan Hogarth
Ryerson	Not in attendance

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

2. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

May 25 Presentation

Dr. Cooke reported a public forum will take place by Zoom on May 25th as part of the Board meeting and asked the PTO to spread the word. The meeting will begin with a few business items, followed by a 20-minute presentation and a question and answer session. Bill McMinn and Chuck Warrington of Colliers will be present and questions will be answered during the meeting. Chair Cawley noted the Board would like to do more workshop type models as opposed to two business meetings per month. Dr. Cooke noted December & February Referendum dates are being considered as opposed to November and there is a possibility other issues could be part of the Referendum (i.e. Island Ave).

COVID Update

Dr. Cooke gave a COVID update, reporting there are no active cases in the town. The reopening process will begin next week. CT Dept. of Health has advised to continue with masks through the end of the school year. Waiting on guidance for next year's reopening plan which has to be submitted to the State by end of June. No issues to report with Jr. Prom or Sr. Picnic. Polson celebrations a bit different than the norm.

Budget Update

- Dr. Cooke noted the budget passed, and thanked the PRC for their support. This allows us to confirm new hires (the goal is to finish hiring as early as possible).
- Today's eNotify will include a video of the new technology boards which are now in all core classrooms in the district.
- Testing is complete and there were less opt-outs this year.

Teacher Appreciation

Dr. Cooke spoke to the many Teacher Appreciation celebrations throughout the district, noting that many teachers expressed their gratitude directly to him.

3. Review / Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the April 23, 2021 meeting by Liz Tucker-Plasky, 2nd by Christina Morris, all in favor.

4. Round Table

Jeffrey

Meghan Hogarth reported:

- Banner for teacher appreciation received the most positive feedback
- Book fair was a huge success with approximately \$9,000 in sales. The school receives scholastic dollars (approximately \$4,000 in books)
- Yearbook has come in
- Third Grade Ice Cream Social will take place
- PTO is donating ice pops for Field Day
- Recruiting for next year's PTO Board

Brown

Tina Phelan reported:

Following occurred during Teacher Appreciation week:

- Monday – snacks in lounge
- Tuesday – lunch from Grande Pizza
- Wednesday –Card my Yard
- Thursday – Lottery Tickets
- Friday – Neil's doughnuts

Tina noted plenty of applications have been received to assemble a PTO Board.

Polson

Christina Morris reported:

- Teacher Appreciation week went well – Kim Yahara handled all the catering
- Lottery tickets
- Sign-Up Genius used with good results
- PTO will help subsidize end of year picnic
- Busy with 8th Grade "Promotion" Ceremony which will take place outside

Ryerson – no report

Hand

Jan Scott reported:

- Provided lunch for Teacher Appreciation (money raised through Sign-up Genius)
- Sr. events going well

- Graduation & Prom – nothing new to report

5. **PRC Subcommittees**

Bus Driver appreciation event scheduled for June 1 at The Surf Club beginning at 11:00 a.m. Custodian event planning underway; Wendy to provide details as soon as finalized.

Jan Scott provided the following report (from Keiler Snow) with regard to MYFS:

- Excellent awards event
- Drive by office to see banner with all names listed
- Amazing youth & leaders in Town
- Staff changes coming up as Derek and Katie are moving
- Main focus on Mental Health

6. **PRC/PTO Reminders/Discussions**

Candidates Forum was briefly discussed and PTO members in attendance agreed to bring it to the next PRC meeting for further discussion.

7. **Old Business** - None

8. **Future Agenda Items** – Candidates Forum

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.