

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, September 15 9:30 AM – 11:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

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 15
October 20
December 8
January 26
March 1
April 26
May 17

Attendees:

Superintendent	Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
PRC Chairperson(s)	Sarah Drought
Hand	Jan Scott
Polson	Liz Tucker Plasky
Brown	Sarah DeBenedictis
Jeffrey	Amy Sutherland & Laura Francis
Ryerson	Erica McMillian & Carissa Benak

1. Welcome/Introductions

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

2. Superintendent's Report - Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Opening of School
Affordable Housing
Building Project

3. Review of Minutes – Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Round Table

Jeffrey

Laura Francis Amy Sutherland

We hosted our Teacher Welcome back Luncheon - using Hornet's Nest (a local Madison family owns it) for the food which always works out great!

Orientation we did on the spot printing for spiritwear with Tyco this year. What an amazing company to work with (also a local Madison family who owns it). Tyco has improved our spirit-wear process as they are organized, professional, and offer many color options as well as logo choices.

Our ice cream social is rescheduled for this Wednesday 9/20 (for the third time due to weather) We hosted a family photo fundraiser with Karen Alquist

For membership we are only at 60ish families. Hopefully we will increase membership at our ice cream social. I remember hearing that Daniel Hand has 150 members already. Can you please share how you were able to get so many people to sign up?

We have to file a different tax form for this year and need information for 5 years back due to taking in money over 50k (form 990)

We are starting our one school one read 9/18

Workshop sign ups begin 9/18 and our workshops will be running for 5 weeks (4 sessions/year)

We are so excited for increased collaboration with Ryerson and Brown. We will be doing a beach clean up with both schools on 10/7 from 8am-10am at the Surf Club. The data collected will go to save the sound. Also both schools are also using Tyco for Spirit wear

We are excited to be hosting a cultural fair coming up on 11/15 pending families signing up to participate in sharing their culture

We are trying to go greener this year- less plastic, mylar instead of latex balloon arches (to reuse the mylar), paper table cloths, compostable cutlery and plates/cups for luncheon, green fundraisers (Flower Power, Got Sneakers).

It was exciting for us to hear more about the composting possibility and we will be happy to try to get Blue Earth to come to the next PRC meeting to learn about potentially using them for composting in our schools.

Ryerson

Erica McMillan Charissa Benak

Ryerson's Back to School theme of "Out of this World" has been very fun and engaging. Two teachers took the lead on decorations, and PTO supported by creating a balloon arch and gifting each classroom an "interstellar" calm down jar made by one of our parents.

We had a fun and well-attended Back to School Picnic at Surf Club at the end of the first week of school.

We have nearly reached our Dues goal for the year with approximately 60% of students having had dues paid on their behalf.

We are having a very successful and smooth experience working with TYCO for Spirit Wear. Our Fall Sale will be closing tomorrow (9/22) and we expect to distribute the items to students' backpacks during the week of October 9.

We will be starting our Fall Extracurricular Enrichment classes on 9/26. We are running 5 classes over 4 weeks. We are hoping to hold 5 extracurricular sessions throughout the year.

Next week we are launching our Fall Pies and Cookie Dough fundraiser with MCM Fundraising.

In early October we will be launching a Sneaker Drive using the same company that Jeffrey is working with.

We are working with RJ Julia to host Sherry Dusky Rinker (author of Good Night Good Night Construction Site) on 10/6 to visit with grades K and 1. We are planning additional author visits throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a Family Beach Cleanup Day with Jeffrey and Brown at Garvin Point on 10/7.

We are holding a Ryerson Campus cleanup on 10/13, mostly weeding the front garden beds and planting mums/annuals.

We are running our Scholastic Book Fair during the week before Halloween. We are going to have "Family Trick or Treat Night" again this year during the Thursday evening of Book Fair on 10/26. Kids will wear costumes, teachers hand out candy from their classroom doors, and parents shop the book fair.

Further Out:

PTO plans to fund 100% of field trips, assemblies, and in-school enrichment experiences for the 2023-2024 school year. We have 7 school-wide assemblies planned so far.

We are working with DHHS to potentially hold our annual Variety Show at the high school. Last year's audience was too big for Brown Auditorium and we anticipate just as many people this year.

We are looking at scheduling a Ryerson Family Fun Day with the Bridgeport Islanders over the winter. We are looking forward to collaborating with the other schools on researching environmentally friendly initiatives at Ryerson. We don't anticipate being able to take part in a composting program until the move to Brown. Currently our lunch periods are so constricted by needing to share the space with PE and other classes that Ryerson Staff do not feel there is bandwidth to add in a composting pilot.

Brown

Sarah DeBenedictis

Welcome Back Teacher Lunch /Orientation on August 28 Membership starting out strong

Back to School Ice Cream Social well attended in spite of heat - PTO purchased ice cream for Brown Students

Using Tyco for Spirit Wear

New Fundraiser - Catalogue with holiday wrap and tags, gift items, some snacks, etc. Sept 25-Oct 9

Movie day planned for October 9th at Madison Cinemas - Students will vote on which show they want to see

Polson

Liz Tucker-Plasky

We kicked off the year with a new board and a great EB meeting. We are still working on our calendar of events.

Many Polson building updates were made over the summer (i.e., teachers' lounge, new lockers, new tennis courts, painted art room, etc.)

Polson PTO supported Back to School Teacher and Staff Luncheon and raffles (well received). We are still working on PTO memberships and have minimal spirit wear sales. We are discussing switching vendors.

Our first General PTO meeting is:

10/5 Coffee with the Polson Social Workers (9:00-10:00 am)

Polson PTO is working on bringing a book fair to Polson this year at the suggestion of a parent who would run it. We'll align with the Polson LMC and Scholastic on age-appropriate content.

Hand

Jan Scott

13 dozen donuts and 3 raffled flower arrangements from Simple Life Farm for the teachers' welcome on 8/28

122 family memberships to date goal is 200-service is limited so QR code has limited effectiveness

NIH is trying to get the word out to parents of freshman, sophomore and junior families to volunteer-will try to get Sherry to come to PRC to discuss

New tennis courts at Polson ribbon cutting Wed. Sept 20th at 2:15

PRC Minute Responsibilities Assigned

September 15 - PRC Chair

October 20 - Jeffrey
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5. **PRC Subcommittees**

Transportation Council - Assigned to Brown School

Food Council - Assigned to Polson School (Liz Tucker Plasky to check in regarding meetings)

MYFS - Assigned to Hand-Beth Skudder

Custodial/Staff Appreciation - Assigned to Jeffrey School

7. **Old Business** - none

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Sherry Farmer - Discussion NIH what is NIH all about and how we can help.

Samuel King of Blue Earth Composting -Discussion Composting at schools and how we can help

9. **Adjournment**

Sarah Drought Ended the meeting at 11:00