

PRC Meeting

Friday, May 23, 2025, 9:30-10:30AM

Attendees: MPS: Dr. Cooke, Zoe Roos; Jeffrey Elementary: Laura Francis, Amy Sutherland; Ryerson Elementary: Kylie O'Brien Bender; Brown Intermediate: Sarah DeBenedictis, Maureen Burke; Polson Middle: Liz Tucker-Plasky

Absent: Sarah Drought; DHHS: Nicole Wiles

1. Welcome / Introductions – Liz Tucker-Plasky
2. Superintendent's Update: Dr. Craig Cooke
 - Budget rejection for Academy will bring the conversation for the future use of Ryerson and Jeffrey properties into public discussion
 - Keys for both properties will be turned over from the BoE to the BoS on 1/1/26
 - Summer Facilities Plans
 - Hand is getting new HVAC and will be closed
 - Polson is the only school open and will host curriculum development teams and all summer school activities
 - Neck River and Brown are both ready for summer transition; teachers have already started packing up
 - Tentative Neck River ribbon cutting date is 8/19/25
 - Curriculum Development
 - Summer work to amend the profile of a graduate to include tech responsible use
 - This information will be shared publicly
 - Discussed current cell phone policy in the district; there is no plan to change the current policy yet
 - Discussed usage of yonder pouches in other districts
 - Kindergarten Registration
 - Current registration numbers are lower than anticipated
 - This is year 2 of the new kindergarten age cut off law
 - Parents may be holding back enrollment
 - The lower enrollment will not result in layoffs of current Kindergarten teachers. Any teachers may get moved to other grade levels
 - Dr. Cooke thanked the PTO boards and parents for their support and for a successful school year
3. May PTO Notes
 - *DHHS*
 - Hand PTO celebrated teacher appreciation week with the following events: Monday – starfish key chains, Tuesday – Neil's donuts, Wednesday – luncheon by Hornet's Nest and homemade treats supplied by Hand families, Thursday – Tina made personalized t-shirts for staff members, Friday – all staff and faculty received candy bars and lotto tickets in their mailboxes.
 - Hand PTO celebrated nursing staff in recognition of National Nurse's Week with personalized glasses and \$20 Dunkin gift cards.
 - Celebrated the artwork of Hand students by providing refreshments at the Hand Art Show.
 - Executive positions have been filled and new board members for academic years 2025-27 include: vice president – Kelly Gharibian, treasurer – Kelly Hurley, and secretary – Kara Shia
 - *Polson*
 - 5/2: Had a successful Law Day. PTO supports refreshments for guests
 - 5/5-5/9: Celebrated Teacher Appreciation week. PTO supported with Cohen's Bagels, Sugar Cupcakes, Luncheon, and Scratch-offs Raffle.
 - Celebrated Nurse and Administration Appreciation Days. PTO supported with flowers
 - 5/15 & 5/20: Completed the Grade 6-8 Parent Orientations. PTO recruited parents as volunteers for next year
 - Completed the SBAC testing

- May is Mental Health Awareness month, and our guidance staff has been doing grade level activities
- The 8th grade is learning about Schoollinks as they transition to DHHS. They are also writing advice cards to incoming 6th graders :)
- PTO and volunteers are actively organizing the 8th grade dance on 6/6. We are asked by 8th grade parents to donate gift cards for the raffle and time for set up/clean up.
- Our current board is still looking for EB nominees for next year! Last EB Meeting is 6/4 to announce new board for 25-26.
- PTO is supporting the 8th grade promotion with Card My Yard and decorations.
- PTO is supporting a Coffee Truck on PD Day 6/11
- *Brown*
 - Last School Store
 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation
 - Annual Meeting/Final General meeting 5/21
 - 4th Grade Trip to Madison Cinemas to watch Wild Robot
 - Card My Yard for Unified Sports Day
 - Gift Cards for 5th Grade Declamation
 - Camp Hazen
 - Schoolwide Cookout
 - Yearbook signing
 - 5th grade gift
 - On-going meetings/discussions with Ryerson PTO for transition
- *Jeffrey*
 - Teacher Appreciation week was a success: Ocean Theme
 - Monday: coffee and treats
 - Tuesday: Yogurt Bar
 - Wednesday: Charcuterie Board
 - Thursday: Pizza Truck
 - Friday: Treat Cart
 - Throughout the week we had prizes (we gave out over 100 prizes)
 - Bulletin board with all of the students as fish and teachers as various ocean animals
 - Kindergarten Orientation 5/14
 - General PTO meeting 5/14 (summer interventionists)
 - Art Show 5/27 (with ice cream truck for purchase)
 - Jeffrey Carnival 5/30 5-7pm
 - Hand and Polson volunteers
 - Farewell to Jeffrey event 7pm
 - School Supply Fundraiser through July
 - Neck River Board Sign-ups underway
 - Jeffrey Commemorative Ornament ordered
 - Field day 6/3
 - PTO will provide popsicles and volunteers
 - 6/5 Jeffrey 3rd Grade Luncheon
 - Well underway with surf club accessibility:
 - Secured donor and approved at selectmen meeting
 - Matting will be ordered asap
 - Installation date is coming soon!
 - Elementary school hang out date coming soon
 - Jeffrey is working on custodian appreciation day gifts (pizza works lunch certificate)
- *Ryerson*
 - Hosted our annual Give to Grow fundraiser, on May 3, at the Surf Club. It was our most successful Give to Grow to date

- Celebrated Teacher's Appreciation Week with a week full of events:
- Monday: Breakfast Bash (Bagels, Coffee and Fruit)
- Tuesday: Taco Tuesday (Lunch served)
- Wednesday: Shop the Lounge (School Supply Charcuterie, Pack the Pantry with drinks and snacks)
- Thursday: Share the Love (Student Thank You Notes to Teachers)
- Friday: Groovy Friday (Pizza and Ice Cream)
- Organized appreciation gifts for Principal Day and Nurses Day
- Set up a table and had PTO Representation at the coming kindergarten day. Created a special sign for all the incoming kindergarteners to have a photo op
- Funded Field Day T-shirts for students and staff and delivered to the school
- Funded field trips for all grades taken in the past few months
- Recruited and announced incoming board Nominees on 5/19. Final vote on 6/2
- Upcoming Happenings:
 - Field Day 5/30
 - Running PTO station of popsicles
 - Yard Goats Family Fun Day game 6/1
 - Distributing Yearbooks on 6/2 and 6/3
 - Third Grade celebration 6/2
 - Planning a special hour celebration with yearbook signing, DJ and Ice Cream
 - All school Fun Fair celebration 6/3
- Running PTO station for the school fun fair

Submitted 6/10/25 by Polson PTO