

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, June 4, 2021
10:30 AM – 11:30 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.

PRC Chairperson

Maureen Lewis

Hand

Keiler Snow

Polson

Christina Morris

Brown

Tina Phelan

Jeffrey

Liz Tucker-Plasky

Ryerson

Candace Barnes, Jen Gordon

1. Welcome/Introductions

Maureen Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Dr. Cooke provided the following:

- The district has yet to receive a mask recommendation for next year from the DPH. It is anticipated that we will follow their recommendations.
- Our Reopening Plan is in progress, which will be much shorter than last year's.
- Awards Night took place last Wednesday evening. Approximately \$155K was awarded to students who attended in person and via livestream.
- Thank you to Candace Barnes and Liz Tucker-Plasky for being present at the Bus Driver Appreciation Event.
- The May 25 Board Meeting/Public Forum was well-attended. A referendum date has not yet been established. We are getting closer to purchasing land.
- A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of establishing a sub-committee and meeting over the summer. Wendy will assist in arranging.

- The Board will be changing the type of monthly meetings from 2 business meetings to 1 meeting used as a public forum (or to give a presentation) and 1 meeting remaining a business meeting.

3. Review / Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the May 21, 2021 meeting by Tina Phelan, 2nd by Liz Tucker-Plasky, all in favor.

4. Round Table

Ryerson

Candace Barnes reported:

- Field Day
- PTO Officers installed – 1 vacancy remains (VP)
 - 1 President
 - 3 Vice Presidents
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Money given for purchase of outdoor picnic tables

Jeffrey

Maureen Lewis reported for Meghan Hogarth:

- Teacher appreciation banner reserved for next year for placement downtown

Brown

Tina Phelan reported:

- End of year celebrations on June 10
 - Cookout (Joe Barraco cooking)
 - Ice Cream Truck
 - T-shirts ordered for all students
 - Yearbooks will be distributed
 - All of the above paid for by PTO
- Custodian appreciation amounts per school - \$89

Polson

Christina Morris reported:

- 8th Grade “Promotion” outdoor Ceremony
- Dance will occur that evening (June 14)

Hand

Keiler Snow reported:

- Parents very generous with donations for teacher appreciation; teachers very appreciative
- Jr. Prom a success – no positive COVID cases
- Sr. Prom taking place this Saturday
- Sr. exams done this week; underclassmen exams start Wednesday
- Graduation on Green this Friday
- Night in Hand this Saturday – will occur outside between the 2 buildings. No public preview this year.
- Sports wrapping up
- PTO positions available – general meetings will take place by Zoom

Jeffrey

Liz Tucker-Plasky provided an additional report:

- Field Day Monday and Tuesday
- 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social – June 8
- Yearbooks currently being distributed
- Yard signs will be placed in Grade 3 yards this weekend
- The last PTO General meeting takes place next week – all Board slots are filled for next year.

A discussion ensued regarding yard signs and the possibility of Ryerson and Jeffrey coordinating that (and other types of events) together in the future. PTO members also discussed conducting a district event that would benefit all schools.

5. PRC Subcommittees

Bus Driver appreciation event took place on June 1. PTO members and Wendy discussed the best way to distribute the Custodian Appreciation gift cards as there will not be a scheduled event this year. The group decided to deliver the cards to each individual school prior to the end of the school year.

6. PRC/PTO Reminders/Discussions

Members touched upon the various events which the PTO groups are normally involved with. The group decided not to sponsor the districtwide art show and will bring that to the attention of the appropriate people next school year. Candidates Forum was briefly discussed – Tina Phelan emailed the League of Women Voters but has not heard back.

7. Old Business

8. Future Agenda Items

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.