

**Parent's Representative Council Meeting**  
**Friday, April 23, 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:**

<b>Superintendent</b>	Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
<b>Communications Specialist</b>	Zoe Roos
<b>PRC Chairperson</b>	Maureen Lewis
<b>Hand</b>	Keiler Snow
<b>Polson</b>	Christina Morris, Kim Yahara
<b>Brown</b>	Tina Phelan
<b>Jeffrey</b>	Liz Tucker-Plasky, Meghan Hogarth
<b>Ryerson</b>	Candace Barnes, Jen Gordon

**1) Welcome/Introductions**

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

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

Information concerning the building project continues to be posted on the website, as well as the updated enrollment report. Dr. Cooke reported the Board is debating whether the referendum should take place in November or later in the school year. The concern with a November referendum is that it ties to a municipal election whereas with a December referendum, there would be an approximate three-week timeframe to hold forums and presentations. Additionally, there are 2 land issues still being discussed. We continue to meet with the State regarding reimbursements, as well as the architects to build the documents required for presentation.

Dr. Cooke reported the return to school after April break has been relatively smooth and there are no major issues regarding COVID. Madison is out of the red (into the orange category) and the State has had one of its best results in a while. DHHS students can go to Middletown to receive the vaccine and we are working on a mobile clinic at DHHS. More info to come. The CIAC announced today the quarantine period will be shortened to 10 days with a negative PCR test after day 8 (athletes currently have to quarantine for 14 days). Dr. Cooke reported he is meeting with the Health Advisor today for approval. Additionally, a fully-vaccinated (receipt of 2 shots) athlete will no longer have to quarantine. Dr. Cooke noted that most of staff is fully vaccinated.

Dr. Cooke and Zoe Roos spoke to the one-page budget summary document which they asked the PRC presidents to share with their PTO group. A Building Project document, as well as the recent Enrollment Study, can be found under the Madison Renewal Plan on the district website. A document which highlights the goings on at Hand is currently under construction and will be sent to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Dr. Cooke noted he believes the Moderna vaccine will be available to students 16 years and older (and possibly younger as well) in the near future.

Interactive boards were installed at Brown (16) and Polson (24) over the spring break. Funds are included in the budget (\$500,000) for the purchase of more boards, which would result in equipping all core classrooms throughout the district as well as specials classes for Brown and Polson.

Zoe Roos requested each PRC president send to her the details of what their PTO has planned for Teacher Appreciation week so that Zoe can be present to note the event and take photos.

### **Review / Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from the March 19, 2021 meeting by Keiler Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Gordon, all in favor.

### **3) Round Table**

#### **Hand**

Keiler Snow reported:

- School all in now; however, some athletes have remained remote to avoid the risk of having to quarantine.
- Jr. Prom scheduled for May 14 at Woodwinds and is only open to that class. Each student bought their own ticket. Students must have a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the prom.
- Meeting taking place today regarding sr. prom and graduation.
- Night in Hand plans are underway. Auction coming up; taking place at Camp Laurelwood.
- Spring sports are underway with some quarantine issues.
- Spring production coming up as well as AP testing.

#### **Polson**

Christina Morris reported:

- QPR Training postponed until next month – date to be announced.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance and Stepping Forth Ceremony will be replaced with a picnic during the day and a “Driving Forth” Ceremony. Events are being planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders as well, on a much smaller scale.
- Teacher appreciation lunch scheduled for May 4.

#### **Brown**

No report

#### **Jeffrey**

Liz Tucker-Plasky reported:

- Spirit week underway
- In-person book fair scheduled for May with an online ordering option. Fair will occur outside after school and done by grade, with scheduled timeslots. Raffle planned as well.
- Preparing for Field Day.

- Planning a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social.

### **Ryerson**

Candace Barnes reported:

- Also preparing for Field Day (no parent volunteers allowed).
- Ice Cream Social for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Celebration.
- Custodial Appreciation from last year – only have record of receiving money from Brown.

A discussion ensued regarding the custodial appreciation event.

### **4) PRC Subcommittees**

Custodian (Brown & Polson) and Bus Driver (Ryerson & Jeffrey) appreciation event plans to be reported on next meeting. Maureen Lewis will follow up with Keiler Snow for an update regarding MYFS. Candidate's Forum tabled.

### **5) PRC/PTO Reminders/Discussions**

Maureen Lewis requested nomination forms be sent to her. Wendy asked the PRC members to send updated information to her at the beginning of the school year so that the website can be updated yearly.

### **6) Old Business - None**

### **7) Future Agenda Items - None**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.