

Parents' Representative Council Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2017
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Central Office – Hammonasset Room

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 16	January 20	May 19
October 21	February 17	June - TBD
November 11	March 17	
December 16	April 21	

AGENDA

Attendees

PRC Chairperson

DHHS

Polson

Brown

Island Ave.

Jeffrey

Ryerson

TCLC

Maureen Lewis

Katy Wallace

Jen Thompson

Denise Fogleman

Sarah Drought

Nicole Wiles

Bee Gordon

Christine Piteo

Keiler Snow

Kirsten Adams

Chris McSweeney

Grace Brueckner

Lisa Lee

Michelle Menard

Candace Barnes

Julie Pildner

Jennifer Greenwald

Stephanie Wheeler

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Janice Florentine, filling in for Maureen Lewis.

Janice and PRC members introduced themselves. Janice began the meeting by asking members to share what their PTO's have done to promote parent attendance at meetings. Nicole Wiles shared that Mike Ginsburg, Technology Instructional Specialists for grades K-6, recently gave a presentation regarding STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) which 20-25 parents attended. Jen Thompson shared that a breakfast/coffee session with Frank Henderson was well attended and added that varying meeting times helps. Christine Piteo, TCLC PTO Co-President, shared that it is difficult for pre-school parents to attend evening meetings. The group asked if Superintendent Scarice might be available to attend a PTO evening meeting.

2) Superintendent's Report

No report given.

3) Review /Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of November 11, 2016 meeting by Denise Fogleman, second by Christine Piteo.

4) Subcommittee Reports / Updates:

- a) **DHHS** – M.A.D.E.: No report.
- b) **Polson** – Food Council – Meeting dates: October 20, December 22, February 23, April 25. Colleen Balkan attended the December 22 Food Services meeting. The focus is on new food choices. Colleen reported the program has been well received by both students and staff. A breakfast menu is currently in development.
- c) **Brown** – Transportation Council. Meeting dates: October 6, December 8, February 9, April 6. Chris McSweeney attended the December 8 meeting and reported it has been a great start to the school year in spite of time changes. The district operates 36 large buses, 14 small buses and 4 vans for private schools. All drivers attended Epipen training this summer.
- d) **Jeffrey** – MYFS: Met on January 3. Angela Ahern, Assistant Director of Clinical Services and Melissa Balleto, Assistant Director of Prevention Services of MYFS spoke about the various programs offered. Two high school reps came who reported students are having a difficult time with time management. Do have a PAW group that meets monthly to discuss issues. Next meeting – 2/14, 7 p.m. at the Sr. Center (2nd Tuesday of the month).
- e) **Ryerson – Art Show**: Nothing to report.
- f) **IAS – Custodian Appreciation**: waiting on date.
- g) **TCLC**: Nothing to report.

5) Review: Roundtable

- a) **DHHS** – No report.
- b) **Polson** – Jen Thompson reported teachers presented with Dunkin Donuts gift cards. Breakfast with Frank Henderson occurred on December 13. Screenagers showing to students on January 24; parents, January 25 at 7 p.m. Author Jordan Sonnenblick coming April 21.
- c) **Brown** – new treasurer – Megan Reh. Book fair scheduled for end of March. Box top drive is underway.
- d) **Island Ave** – book fair January 30, family night February 1. Trying to organize more fundraisers – family bingo night and dinner 1 Wednesday a month at Moxie. Valentine’s Day – Vday grams – parents can write note to child and attach to a bracelet.
- e) **Jeffrey** – Nicole Wiles reported on the book fair and asked if any school had considered taking scholastic cash instead of actual \$\$\$. Ben Franklin came to school. Upcoming events: Ice cream sundae bar and family math night in place of movie night in February.
- f) **Ryerson** – online spirit wear made \$121, plan on trying again. February 10 – breakfast for dinner at Sr. Center, kids will come in p.j.’s. Michele Menard reported
- g) **TCLC** – held holiday lunch for teachers, parents participated.

6) **Wrap Up/Things to do/Share with your PTO etc.**

- 1) **Madison Special Education Parent Teacher Organization (SEPTO)**
SEPTO Communications Director: Lisa Nee - lisa@allennee.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MadisonSEPTO/
- 2) **M.A.D.E in Madison.**
Website: www.madeinmadison.org/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MADE.in.Madison/
- 3) **Madison Youth and Family Services.**
Website: www.madisonct.org/469/Youth-Family-Services
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MadisonYouthandFamilyServices/

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

**** NO SOLICITATIONS!**