

Parent's Representative Council Meeting
Friday, September 21, 2018
12:00-1:30PM
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 21	January 18	May 17
October 19	February 15	No June mtg.
November 16	March 15	
No December mtg.	April 26	

AGENDA

Attendees:

Superintendent	Tom Scarice
PRC Chairperson	Maureen Lewis
Hand	Keiler Snow, Katy Wallace
Polson	Beth Skudder, Sarah Valentine
Brown	Tina Phelan, Jan Scott
Jeffrey	Liz Kench, Jessica Maynard
Ryerson	Bee Gordon, Lisa Lee
Island	Nancy Costanzo, Gina Flood

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Maureen Lewis.

2) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Scarice provided the following:

- Beginning next week, eNotifies will be going to all parents (target K-8) regarding core transitions and events related to the district reconfiguration.
- Enrollment numbers are reported to the State Department of Education on October 1st, after which time redistricting information will be made public.
- Staff assignments will be announced after January 22. We are currently looking at each and every program we offer to determine the need of the program, based on the following criteria:
 - Does it align with the district vision?
 - Is there equity amongst schools?
 - Is it a program we can support (or not), in light of declining enrollment.
 - Does it fall under a core program, student support program, whole child program or continuous improvement systems?

- Before the summer break, the Board of Education adopted part of the science curriculum (which can be found online); the remaining or which will be adopted by June. English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, World Language and Career and Technical Education curriculum can also be found on the website.
- A new button on the website, District Reconfiguration, provides an interactive tool regarding the 10 Year Capital Maintenance Plan. The Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen are all reviewing this plan together.
- With the transition of Brown from a 5/6 school to a 4/5 school, the Facilities Committee of the Board of Education is exploring ways in which the school can best serve all students, beyond the classroom walls. While the building will service the kids, the exterior (play space) is an issue. A playground committee formed last year which was comprised of 4th & 5th grade teachers, P.E. teachers, special educators and administrators. The group is contemplating the features of an Outdoor Play and Learning Program, (“OPAL”). The Facilities Committee will be hosting a walkthrough of the area and a presentation of what “might” be on October 2, 6:00 p.m., at Brown School.

3) Review/ Approve Minutes

Motion to approve June 8, 2018 meeting minutes by Bee Gordon, 2nd by Liz Kench, all in favor.

4) Round Table:

Polson: Open House next week. Facebook page created – trying new ways to receive dues. Game night scheduled for November. Working with Brown on new ideas to welcome 6th grade students. Back to School lunch held for teachers.

Ryerson: Teachers back to school lunch well received. Open House next week. First PTO Board meeting cancelled due to the storm.

Hand: Collected dues at Back to School night last week. First executive board meeting Tuesday; 1st PTO meeting scheduled for October 2.

Jeffrey: Parents’ night next Saturday. Magic show for all elementary schools October 26 at Polson. Refreshments provided at last year’s art show - \$12.86 due from each school.

IAS: Welcome to IAS night well attended and orientation went well. Making the fall festival a family night on November 2. Looking into creating a vintage IAS t-shirt. A kindness initiative, “Look for the good Project”, kick off begins the week of October 1.

Brown: Collected dues. PTO website and Facebook page up and running. Open House last night – used PayPal and credit cards for dues. Teacher lunch went well - catered by Schoolhouse Deli.

Motion to adjourn at 1:13 p.m.