



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, July 22, 2024: 10AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Committee Chair: Joan Vidak

- 1) Call to order/Welcome**
- 2) Public Comment**
- 3) Approval of Agenda**
- 4) Approval of Minutes from 6-24-24 (REF #1)**
- 5) Business:**
 - a) Scholar Updates:
 - i) Orientation: 51 Attended Ramp It Up
 - (1) So far 63 first year and 17 returning year scholars are on track to qualify for the Educational Supplies Award
 - ii) Class of 2024 Updates
 - (1) Approvals/Applications
 - (a) LHS: 134 approved, 2 denied (residency)
 - iii) Graduates from WSCC: 22% First Gen
 - b) Promise Growth/Legislative Change Initiative Planning
 - i) MCAN is currently advocating to MiLEAP for Promise scholarship packaging order using Promise last
 - (1) CC Guarantee Webinar indicated possible options (REF #2)
 - (2) Michigan Promise Zone Association Drafted Language for Zones (REF #3)
 - ii) Promise Zone Act amendments, while approved, are not yet signed by Governor Whitmer
 - iii) College Coaching:
 - (1) Earn to Learn
 - c) WSCC Partnership
 - i) Pinnacle Trucking: Recommending to refer prospective students to Michigan Works (partial funding may be available)
 - ii) New PZ Liaison
 - iii) State of Michigan MiLEAP Grants
 - d) **Next Meeting:** September 23, 2024@10AM: Location: LRN
- 6) Adjourn**



**Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2024: 10AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network**

Present: Monica Jewell, Michael Masters (arrived at 10:14 AM), Amy Pepper & Joan Vidak

Absent: Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle & Kathy Surd

Staff Present: Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order/Welcome:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jewell to approve, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 3-0-4.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 4-22-24:** Motion by Jewell to approve, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 3-0-4.
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) **Scholar Updates:**
 - i) **Class of 2024 Updates**
 - (1) **Approvals/Applications**
 - (a) LHS—Pending: 0/131—Maloney noted that LHS sent out grade reports last week, so final transcripts should be updated and allow for LHS to verify graduation soon.
 - (b) MCC: 57/59—Vidak shared that Spartan Academy students will graduate on Friday.
 - (c) MCE: 15/15
 - (d) G2S/ASM/Homeschool/OtherHS/GED: 11/11—Maloney asked if there was interest in revisiting the discussion about automatic application for all high school seniors; Jewell shared that the last time the discussion was had, it was clear that it would still require student application effort to get all of the information needed to process their scholarship. No action was requested or taken.
 - ii) **Promise Renewals for 2024-25**
 - (1) **Submitted/Approved/Denied:** 104 submitted/75 approved (13 First Time Scholars from previous years)/6 denied—Maloney shared that about half of denials were GPA-related while the other half was due to exceeding 72 credits. The majority of unapproved renewals are due to needing a transcript.
 - (a) 3.1 Average GPA from 2023-24 scholars
 - iii) **Graduates from WI24:**
 - (1) 15 Scholars completed 17 degrees, 4 scholars completed a certification
 - (2) 99 WSCC Scholars have completed associate degrees at WSCC so far
 - (3) NSC updates for all degrees and certifications will be available in late 2024
 - iv) **2023-24 Graduate Feedback (REF #2)**
 - v) **Alumni Video: Promise WSCC Grads w/Transfer Success: 2 Profiles—**The Promise is again working with WSCC and LakeFX Media to interview Scholars who have transferred, graduated with a bachelor's degree and are now working.
 - vi) **Promise Student Forms & Information**
 - (1) **Documentation Overview—**Maloney provided an overview for the purpose of the documentation form and requested feedback. Masters suggested a reduction of language and more positive wording where possible.
 - b) **Promise Growth/Legislative Change Initiative Planning**
 - i) **Success Coaching Role: Interviews Conducted on 6-12-24 & 6-19-24**
 - (1) **Communication from Chad Riffle—**Riffle's email shared that local administrators had positive things to say about the Promise's recent changes and the new Post-Secondary Advisor roles.



FAQs/CLARIFICATION

Can you describe how packaging for Promise Zones is impacted by the Community College Guarantee?

- If Promise Zones are restricted to tuition and fees, the Promise Zone must be applied before the Community College Guarantee.
- If Promise Zones are not restricted to tuition and fees, the Community College Guarantee may be applied before non-restricted aid; however, the combined awards may not exceed the student's COA.

Common State Language Recommended for all Zone Development Plans July 2024

Community College Guarantee

New information here (2024) - A path to an Associate Degree
SB350 Passing, Collaboration and MIAS packaging order

Terms of the Promise Scholarship

Qualified Educational Expenses (Last Dollar)

Eligible students will receive a Promise Scholarship for qualified educational expenses as identified by Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, MCL 390.1661 et seq. as amended (the "Promise Zone Act"), at the prevailing rate at an Eligible Institution. Each Eligible Institution's varied cost of attendance will be covered by the Promise Scholarship, and may include an annual maximum allowance.

Promise Scholarships will be for an amount up to the cost of attendance for full time enrollment over three terms (Fall, Winter and Summer) per year. Subject to that maximum, a student's Promise Scholarship amount will be the balance remaining for the qualified educational expenses after the student has applied for and accepted all federal, state and institutional grants for a given year.

Evaluation of the Promise Scholarship

National Student Clearinghouse

The ____ Promise Zone is currently focused on developing an evaluation plan to measure the extent to which the Promise Scholarship and program services are impacting college matriculation and success among graduates from the Promise Zone (e.g., total number of eligible students per year, the number of students applying, the total annual awards, and number of students matriculating, disqualified, and graduating). This involves: (1) establishing and implementing a plan accompanied by benchmarks against which annual progress can be measured; (2) developing the capacity to keep and track relevant student data; (3) conducting an analysis of college attendance and persistence behaviors among high school graduates; and (4) establishing data-sharing partnerships with partnering post-secondary institutions or community organizations; including participation in the Michigan Promise Zones State Association National Student Clearinghouse (the "NSC") comprehensive reporting.

Student Success within the Promise Zone

CEPI

The ____ Promise Zone is committed to the success of its students when they seek education and training after high school. To that end, the ____ Promise Zone will prepare an annual report that will comply with the reporting requirements of the Promise Zone Act. **This report will be submitted to the State of Michigan Treasury using a partnership with the Center for Educational Performance (CEPI) by October 31 annually**, and can be cross referenced to the success data found within the NSC report.

At a minimum, and pursuant to the Public Act 549 of 2008 - as amended, success reporting will include and confirm the following:

1. The number of students who received financial assistance from the Promise during the prior academic year.
2. The number of these students who successfully completed a certificate program, an associate degree or a bachelor's degree during the prior academic year.
3. The number of the students included in item 1 above who withdrew from their classes during the prior academic year.
4. For those students included in item 1 above and who have completed 23 or more semester credits during the prior academic year, the average time required to complete the equivalent of 24 semester credits.
5. The six year post-secondary graduation rate for those students who received financial assistance from the Promise subsequent to the adoption of the Promise Zone Act.

Administration of the Promise Scholarship

College Readiness and Success

SB555 Passing and Collaboration

The ____ Promise Zone staff, in partnership with the Eligible Institutions, will provide ongoing monitoring, oversight, and assistance to the Authority Board as it plans and implements the funding of Promise Scholarships or other educational improvement activities therein.

Upon Authority Board direction, monies may be designated for educational improvement activities that focus on student success and readiness.

Educational Improvement activities designed to increase the readiness or success of students for post-secondary education will be the responsibility of the Promise program and include but are not limited to:

- Implementing career and college readiness web-based software platforms within the Promise Zone high schools
- Providing adequate staffing for program management
- Implementing robust marketing and/or
- Providing intensive career education coaching for both students and local district staff