



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2022: 10 AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Present: Andrea Large (left at 11:08), Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Monica Schuyler, Joan Vidak; **Absent:** Vic Burwell, Kathy Surd

Committee Chair: Monica Schuyler

- 1) **Call to order:** Schuyler called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Karen Smith introduced herself, and shared a bit of her work experience with community a college library in California that had a Promise program.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Large to approve with support from Vidak; Motion carried 5-0-2.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 2-28-2022:** Motion by Vidak to approve with support from Quillan; Motion carried 5-0-2.
- 5) **Business:**
 - i) **Goal Language Clarification:** Objective 2.2—how are we defining 3 years?
 - (1) Members discussed this and came to the consensus that 3 years after high school graduation is the goal that the Zone can affect.
 - b) **To College Advisory Workgroup:** Meeting recap & notes: Maloney shared a recap.
 - i) **Videos:** Summer AmeriCorps workers will help with this.
 - ii) **FAFSA Grant:** Maloney shared that a grant had been received from MCAN for a FAFSA Completion Coach training on May 19th at WSCC.
 - iii) **Summer AmeriCorps:** Maloney shared the basics of what two summer workers will help with.
 - iv) **What else does the Committee want this workgroup to work on?** Comparison of YAC data and local Promise Focus Group findings could be interesting.
 - c) **Through College Advisory Workgroup:** Meeting recap & notes: Schuyler shared a recap.
 - i) **In-Person Orientation & First Year Seminar Requirement**
 - (1) Maloney reviewed IT feedback and recommended that the Books and Technology support be written into the plan, as it could require state approval. The committee felt that it could also be used as part of student success dollars without a rewrite of the plan. *Large motioned to recommend getting an attorney's advice on whether or not the Zone will need to rewrite the plan to fund a book/tech award as a part of a student success initiative that rewards participation in New Student Orientation & First Year Seminar, with support from Quillan; Motion carried 5-0-2.*
 - ii) **McLean Fund for scholars:** Maloney shared that a discussion is set for April 14th to see if this could be run through the United Way Family Link Community-Schools Coordinator at WSCC.
 - iii) **Definition of Success:** Maloney read the definitions the Through College group came up with. Members felt adding a bullet that transferring/success at another institution is also success.
 - iv) **What else does the Committee want this workgroup to work on?** No additional items added.
 - d) **MPZA National Student Clearinghouse Data:** The first report for Promise Scholars is expected 8/12/22; Pepper shared that she has a graduate student employee who may be able to help analyze NSC data.
 - e) **2.0 Removal: Next Steps/Considerations:** After a brief discussion, the committee opted to add this item to their April 25th agenda for more in-depth consideration.
 - f) **Michigan Colleges Online courses:**
 - (1) Recommendation Form: *Quillan made a motion to recommend approval of this form for use by WSCC/Promise, with support from Vidak; Motion carried 4-0-3 (Large left).*
 - g) **Next Meeting:** April 25, 2022@10AM: Location: LRN
- 6) **Adjourn:** Motion by Schuyler to adjourn at 11:42AM.