



**Mason County Promise Zone**  
**Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 22, 2021: 10 AM**  
**Location: Ludington & Scottville Chamber of Commerce**

Present: Andrea Large, Monica Schuyler, Annette Quillan; Online (non-voting) Jim McLean, Kathy Surd (left at 11:04)

Absent: Amy Pepper, Dena Thurston

Staff present: Jody Maloney

- 1) *Call to order/Welcome: Schuyler called the meeting to order at 11:04 PM.*
- 2) Public Comment: Randy Belair shared that he was a Board member candidate who will interview on December 6<sup>th</sup> and was interested in learning about the Student Success Committee Proceedings.
- 3) *Approval of Agenda: Large made a motion to approve the agenda, with support from Quillan; discussion to request adding an item about McLean's communication regarding the Schoenherr donation and student support; Motion carried, 3-0-2 absent, and 2 online non-voting.*
- 4) *Approval of Minutes from 10-25-2021: Motion to approve the minutes by Large, supported by Quillan; Motion carried, 3-0-2 absent and 2 online non-voting.*
- 5) Business:
  - a) Committee Chair Needed for 2022: No action was taken.
  - b) To College Advisory Workgroup: Maloney recapped the meeting.
    - (1) Other items for the committee to work on:
      - (a) The Committee was interested in more career exploration activities for grades 9-12; Surd posted the Michigan Career Development link in the chat:  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MI\\_Career\\_Development\\_Model\\_-\\_Dec.\\_18\\_2018\\_641266\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MI_Career_Development_Model_-_Dec._18_2018_641266_7.pdf)
      - (b) Maloney will invite Wendy Wells, WSCC's Talent Pipeline Coordinator to the next SSC meeting to discuss her efforts to inventory career development in Mason County Schools.
      - (c) Maloney will include discussion about career efforts and understanding how the Promise Zone could fill in gaps in ESSER III priorities to help schools meet needs and avoid duplication of efforts to the January meet and greet with superintendents.
  - c) Through College Workgroup: Update from 11-15-21 Meeting: Schuyler recapped the meeting
    - i) Discussed building a support framework and agreed that in-person orientation and first year seminar should be highly recommended or required as part of the Promise: *Motion by Large to recommend to the full Board to require in-person orientation and First Year Seminar for all new Promise Scholars as a part of the Promise Scholarship, pending review and revision of the Development Plan if needed, supported by Quillan; Motion carried 3-0-2 absent, 2 online non-voting.*
    - ii) Workgroup could build a menu of options to encourage scholars to get involved on campus. Per suggestion by McLean, Maloney will ask WSCC Enrollment Director Jacobson if there is an option to include a support button or link for students to access the CARE team or immediate assistance in Canvas. Surd observed that both Dr. Selimos and the student



feedback suggested that there is a need for a caring adult in high schools and on WSCC's campus to connect Scholars to supports that exist. Maloney responded that the College Adviser role that the Promise Zone will fund in 2022 has been a successful way to do so at MCC and MCE, but that at the college level, the Completion Coach role does not have the same impact.

iii) November Scholar Meetup feedback: No additional concerns or feedback.

iv) 2.0 Conversation

(1) End of Junior Year average GPA in Mason County decrease from 2.87 to 2.53

(a) In 2018-2020, the percent below a 2.0 ranged 21-23%; In 2021, it was 36% (1 in 3):

Quillan said that she has two concerns in this area: 1) are there enough supports for low GPA students at WSCC, and 2) are there enough degree and career paths technical fields, and further expressed that she feels there is not enough support and not even technical programs to support students with low GPAs. Quillan added that she feels that Appeals are the best route for students below a 2.0 to use the Promise. Surd left the meeting at 11:04.

v) What else does the Committee want this workgroup to work on?

(1) McLean expressed that the Committee should work on establishing an answer to the question: "What is success?" and identify measurements for this.

d) *Motion by Large to postpone discussion of MCO course approval form to next meeting, supported by Quillan; Schuyler added the communication from McLean on Schoenherr donation and student support to this; Motion carried, 3-0-2 absent, 1 online non-voting.*

e) Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: January 24, 2022@10AM: Location TBD; Maloney will send out a request to see if there is interest by the committee to move the time to Thursdays at 4PM.

6) *Adjourn: Motion by Schuler to adjourn at 11:13 AM.*