



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

Members Present: Monica Jewell, Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Kathy Surd, & Joan Vidak

Members Absent: Chad Riffle

Staff Present: Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
- 2) **Public Comment:** No public comment was submitted.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Surd, supported by Jewell; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 4-2-24:** Motion to approve by Jewell, supported by Surd; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) **Success Coaching Role:** Finalization of MOU/Agreement Pending—Maloney gave an overview that the request has been made to area superintendents to meet, and she is aiming to meet with MCC to finalize the Employer MOU, and then meet with all superintendents together, after that point, to finalize the Host Site Agreements. Currently, Dr. Corlett has responded. Maloney will follow up in the afternoon.
 - b) **2024 Applicant Updates**
 - i) T-Shirts Distributed: LHS (129), MCC (57), MCE (15), ASM Tech (5), Oriole Academy (2); Other (3)
 - (1) G2S did not have any applicants; Kerry Newberg plans to reach out to set up a visit
 - Oriole Academy students submitted their applications as G2S students, and Maloney shared that this was the first year that she was aware that this happened. There was discussion about how academy students are considered, whether they are programs that are part of the high school, the district, or standalone schools. Vidak shared that they are part of the school district, and counted as high school students, but receive Surd asked about the “other” students, and Maloney shared that they are either homeschooled or from non-Mason County high schools. Jewell mentioned that Manistee Catholic School is slated to close.
 - c) In Person Orientation Sessions: 7-16, 9-Noon & 7-17, 2-5PM (REF#2)
 - i) Emailed to all current applicants (214)
 - ii) Sent feedback to WSCC on current plan; No response as of yet.—Maloney suggested that she hopes to ask Chris Barry to attend an SSC meeting to provide updates on WSCC’s changes in the next couple of months; Pepper shared that the plan is still developing and that it may be too early to request.
 - (1) Oceana schools have an orientation on May 7th, which I plan to attend: Maloney plans to see if there are any parts of the orientation for Oceana schools that might be useful to include in the Show Up event.
 - d) **Promise Growth/Legislative Change Initiative Planning**
 - i) Legislation for 350 and 555 still being reviewed by House (2nd reading)
 - ii) Growth Feedback from other Promise Zones
 - (1) Lansing: Maloney provided a brief overview of Lansing’s changes, most of which align to present practice of the Mason County Promise Zone, and asked the committee their thoughts on a timeline for the next stage of growth, which includes some form of expansion to other institutions.
 - (a) Surd expressed that it would be good to recap past discussions around growth, revisit the identified priorities, and refine the priorities and process with the full board, before taking the growth discussion up at the committee level, to avoid members feeling left out of the discussion.
 - (b) Vidak confirmed that waiting until the decision is made on SB 350 & 555 was important, since it could alter the growth discussion.



- (c) Jewell shared that October might be a good time to discuss again because it will allow the Board to better understand the impact of Michigan Achievement on school trajectory, and how to make the use of Promise funding meaningful in light of tuition guarantees.
- e) **To-Thru College Advisory Workgroup:**
 - i) To College: Held April 3@1:15-2PM, virtual
 - ii) Thru College: Show Up Held April 10, 2024; Full group debrief May 2@9AM
 - (1) Approximately 110 students attended
 - (2) General feedback: Students need more space for the Fair (noisy, crowded), breaks
 - (a) Maloney will learn more from the student evaluations from the debrief in early May.
 - f) **Next Meeting:** 4th Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: May 20, 2024@10AM: Location: LRN
- 6) **Adjourn: Vidak moved to adjourn the meeting 10:35.**