



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 10th, 2021; 8:00-9:30 AM
Location: Online via Zoom

Staff Present: Jody Maloney; Mary Sumners, Kennari Consulting

Members Present: Vic Burwell, Jason Kennedy, Andrea Large, Jim McLean, Monica Schuyler, Joan Vidak, Laura Powers, Annette Quillan, Dan Sleeman (Guest Presenter), Darby Johnsen, Annie Jacobson, Jason Jeffrey.

- 1) Call to order: 8:01 AM by Chair, Jason Kennedy
- 2) Public Comment: This meeting is open to public comment at all times: No public comment stated.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Burwell, support by Large; Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Business:
 - a) Presentation: Rotary Strive Program, Dan Sleeman: Sleeman shared about the Strive program, which is part of Rotary's programming that serves Ludington High School juniors and seniors who have GPAs lower than 2.0, by offering mentoring, support, and scholarships to affect academics, attendance, and attitude in positive ways.
 - b) Introduction of Darby Johnsen, WSCC Dean of Arts & Sciences: Johnsen most recently came from Kennedy-King College in the city of Chicago, and has two decades of experience in supporting student success in higher education. Johnsen currently serves as the Dean of Arts and Sciences at WSCC, and is re-examining the FYS program content.
 - c) Updates on Promise Numbers & Scholar Feedback
 - (a) Currently 168 seniors applied as of 4/27/21 (186 this time last year)
 - (i) Senior Survey: Limited available data: 37 respondents from 3 schools, representing just over 10% of seniors. Seniors are "surveyed out" and Maloney will work to coordinate with local schools to get the senior survey more integrated with other existing scholarships. The primary concern of 2021 seniors remains the same as in 2020: Paying for college.
 - (ii) Notices for 2021 Seniors will come out in Mid-June: Maloney said that students have received a confirmation email, a "next steps" email, and 5 students participated in an "Info Session" on May 6, with all other applicants being emailed a copy of the session video.
 - (b) Renewals for current WSCC Student
 - (i) 50 Scholars have renewed so far, with 4 completing the process.
 - d) Promise Student Support
 - i) Mason CAN Connectivity Grant for high school & WSCC students/family internet support through United Way—Available through August 31: Maloney will share info with WSCC.
 - e) Student Success Committee Purpose—Kennari Consulting
 - i) Discussion about Purpose/Locus of Control: The committee suggested that Research be added to the list of purposes to provide data that informs decision making. The committee felt that the overlap in the "to college" and "through college" sub-committees should somehow unite both groups for a joint meeting on a less-regular basis (annually, biannually, etc.). Mason CAN may also serve to do some of this work, if it can be constructed in a way that respects the goals and objectives of the Promise Zone structure.
 - f) Next Meeting to Create Committee Charter via Zoom (June 7@9:30-10:30 AM via Zoom)
- 5) Adjourn: Kennedy motioned to adjourn at 9:27.