



**Mason County Promise Zone  
Student Success Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, July 24, 2023: 10 AM  
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network**

**Present:** Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle, Monica Schuyler, Joan Vidak; **Absent:** Kathy Surd  
**Staff present:** Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Pepper, supported by Riffle; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 6-26-23:** Motion to approve the minutes by Schuyler, supported by Pepper; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 5) **Business:**
  - a) **Summer 2023 Promise Award Totals:** Maloney shared summer tuition updates, which included one student returning from 2018.
  - b) **Class of 2023 Promise Scholarship Award Approval Numbers**
    - i) ASM: 1; G2S: 0; LHS: 77; MCC: 66; MCE: 17 ; Mason County-based Homeschooled: 2; & Other High Schools: 1; Maloney shared that there was a very larger percentage of MCC seniors who applied this year. Quillan and Schuyler suggested the local realtors' association and using the "Comes with a Promise" signs to get the word about the recent expansion to Mason County-based homeschools and students who live here but graduate from a school outside of Mason County in Michigan, including Michigan-based virtual schools.
  - c) **Educational Supplies Award:**
    - i) Ramp It Up Attendance: 14 approved scholars attended so far, with one session remaining
    - ii) Educational Supplies Award: Maloney expressed concerns about low numbers for participation so far, and limited timing for getting the word out, for the committee to keep in mind for the future. Schuyler expressed that the numbers seemed good for a first year, and to consider that it is the only funding the Promise offers for which students must meet a participation requirement to receive.
      - (1) Year 1: 22 new scholars approved so far
      - (2) Year 2: 34 scholars approved so far
  - d) **To College**
    - i) 9-27-23: Joint meeting with Mason CAN Leadership Team: There is room for a few Board members if interested in attending.
      - (1) Will review FAFSA and enrollment data that Tess O'Neal is working on
      - (2) Will hear from Michigan Works on accessing apprenticeships
  - e) **Through College**
    - i) First Show Up planning meeting and Through College Meeting: 9-13-23@8:30AM
      - (1) Show Up Event: MCC & LHS have different SAT dates—April 10 & 17; MCE not yet set
        - (a) Thoughts on an event should dates not align? Vidak shared that the schools are required to offer programming for seniors on testing day, and that the plan must be in place for October to report to the state. Maloney noted that while an event on different days might be possible, it would be a heavy lift for Filer and WSCC to do so, considering the amount of staff and volunteer time required. Riffle offered to ask MCE to consider aligning dates with MCC for the purposes of the event.
  - f) **Next Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: September 25, 2023@10AM: Maloney said that she should have more NSC data after she cleans up students who were tracked but not Promise Scholars.
- 6) **Adjourn:** Vidak moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM.