



## Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Meeting

### Meeting ~~Agenda~~ Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room, E. Tinkham, Ludington, MI

**Present:** Juliana Anderson, Vic Burwell (left at 4:00 PM), Fabian Knizacky, Amy Pepper, Chad Riffle, Annette Quillan, Kathy Surd, Dena Thurston, Monica Schuyler, Joan Vidak

**Members Absent:** Roger Nash

**Staff Present:** Jody Maloney, Myndi Dangler

1. **Call to Order:** Schuyler called the meeting to order at 3:01pm
2. **Limited Public Comment:** No public comments were made
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve by Thurston, supported by Knizacky; Motion carried 10-0-1.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:**
  - a. 5-8-2023: Motion to approve by Burwell, supported by Knizacky; Motion carried 10-0-1.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance Report for May 2023: 1,543,124.03
  - a. Invoices:
    - i. MMRMA—Included in Budget
      1. \$1519.00 (paid by installment)
      2. \$500.00
      3. *Approval of Invoices (See Approval of Treasurer's Report)*
    - b. *Approval of Treasurer's Report:* Motion to approve the invoices and Treasurer's Report by Pepper, supported by Burwell; Motion carried 10-0-1.
6. **Director's Report**
  - a. *Approval of Director's Report*
  - b. *Request for funding to participate in the Rotary Leadership Learning Lab through CFFMC: \$300.00*
    - i. Knizacky asked what this will focus on, with Maloney responding that the focus is on leadership and board development. This is local and distance travel would not be required.
    - ii. *Motion to approve by Burwell, supported by Anderson; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
  - c. *Motion by Thurston to approve Director's Report, supported by Riffle; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
7. **New Business**
  - a. Committee Reports:
    - i. Appeals Committee: Did not meet—Meeting Canceled; Next Meeting: 8-21-23@11AM
      1. McKinney-Vento Follow-Up—*A decision prior to August would be helpful.*
        - a. Two students potentially would qualify based on info from schools
        - b. GRPZ has it written into their plan (REF #5)
        - c. Other Zones qualify students as residents (Pontiac, Hazel Park) if their schools indicate that they are McKinney-Vento or without fixed housing, without it being expressly written into their plan.
          - i. Maloney asked Treasury about inclusion of youth who qualify for this status, but that they needed to consult the Attorney General, so until that point, no further action could be taken.
    - ii. Student Success Committee: Did not meet—Meeting Canceled; Next meeting: 6-26-23@10AM
      1. Will meet new WSCC Completion Coach, Jared Seymour
    - iii. Community Engagement Committee: Met: 6-12-23@2PM; Meets next: 8-2-23@3:30PM
      1. Recommendation(s)

- a. *Promise Net: Motion by Burwell to open up Promise funding for the two additional spots for local partners to attend Promise Net in Detroit, with support from Thurston; Motion carried 10-0-1. Maloney will reach out to partners.*

iv. Executive Committee: Did not meet—Meeting Canceled; New Meeting: 6-14-23@2PM

## **8. Old Business**

### a. Growth Discussion: Setting the Stage

- i. Updated Numbers: Riffle inquired about whether or not it was likely for the Promise to see more students using it; Maloney responded that about a third of students who go to college use the Promise, so it's possible, but that initially, the Promise shifted the trajectory of about 12% of students who were attending elsewhere to WSCC.
- ii. Growth Overview
- iii. Future SET Capture Projections (REF #9)
  1. Board members discussed needs for additional information that could be helpful for them to discuss growth, including:
    - a. Local or national data on retention and persistence beyond the first year, through the fourth year of college.
    - b. # of credits in the Michigan Transfer Agreement and numbers for students
    - c. What programs are not offered at WSCC that Promise students are going into that require a transfer
    - d. Senior exit interview data, if available
    - e. Who the Promise Zone is and what do we stand for, i.e., are we a service provider or a fiduciary agent?
    - f. Limitations of funding per legislation
    - g. Maloney encouraged Board members to send her any requests for additional information that could help inform their discussion of growth.

**9. Any Other Business:** None

**10. Limited Public Comment:** None

**11. Adjourn:** *Schuyler moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41pm*