



**Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13th, 2020, 3p.m.-5p.m.
Conference Call per Governor's Executive Order 2020-15**

Members Present: Jason Kennedy, Andrea Large, Jim McLean, Amy Pepper, Kathy Surd, Dena Thurston, Fabian Knizacky, Annette Quillan, Roger Nash

Members Absent: Monica Schuyler, Ed Makowicki

Staff Present: Jody Maloney, Kelly Parker

Call to Order Knizacky called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm

1. **Limited Public Comment:** Grant Kriz spoke on behalf of Mason County home-schooled families to advocate for inclusion of home-schools graduates in the Promise.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve by McLean with two additions under "Other Business," which were the reading of a communication from Grant and Dee Kriz to the Promise Board and discussion of Goodwill University; supported by Large; motion carried, 9-0-2.
3. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **February 10th, 2020:** The minutes were approved with the following a motion from McLean, with support from Nash; motion carried, 9-0-2.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - i. **Monthly Update on Budget:** Knizacky gave the update on the March budget
 1. Fund Balance: The Financials were approved with the following motion from McLean with support from Large; motion carried, 9-0-2.
 2. Invoices: None
 - ii. MMRMA--Kennedy will complete renewal questionnaire for 2020. For 2021, the Promise must appoint a new representative, which must be recorded in meeting minutes.
 - iii. Audit-McLean made a motion to approve Clark & Shaeffer to conduct the Promise Zone audit at a cost of \$3750, with Knizacky preparing the final report; supported by Surd. Motion carried 9-0-2.
 - b. **Coordinator's Report:** Maloney shared a brief list of her activities over the past month, Feb. 5-Mar 4.
 - c. Covid-19 Changes due to social distancing
 - i. MCAN Grant for education-\$2500 available for high schools, \$10,000 available for communities to support post-secondary achievement.
 - ii. K-12 & Higher Education-Jason Kennedy explained the current work of Ludington Area Schools to deliver distance education. Maloney noted that WSCC's summer classes are online and fall registration has been delayed for new students.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **2020 Board Visioning follow-up**

- i. Vision statement revision: We promise to build college-going culture in Mason County to support students toward post-secondary education. The board plans to re-envision the remaining four statements before approving the entire 2020 vision.
 - b. **Committee Update:**
 - i. Appeals: 4/6 meeting cancelled; next meeting, May 4
 - ii. Marketing: No meeting scheduled
 1. Honor cords: Ordered and received. Sent to 6 graduates
 2. Student Success: Meets on 5/11/20 at 8AM
 3. Student Success Initiatives
 - a. WSCC FYS: Still meeting through the school closure
 - iii. Policy Committee: Meets next on 5/6/20 at 1PM
 1. Follow-up from last board meeting questions:
 - a. 6-credit minimum feedback (REF #4) A Motion to leave the minimum number of credit hours to 9 was made by Quillan with support by Nash. Motion carried, 9-0-2.
 - b. Pell Grant is available to students with as few as 3 credits (REF #5)
 - c. Promise Scholar Terminology (REF #6) Asked Maloney to write a definition of scholars for the board to consider at the next meeting.
 - d. Eligibility Basics (REF #7)
6. **Any Other Business**
 - a. Jody read an email communication from Grant and Dee Kriz on behalf of the Mason County Christian Home Educators leadership team.
 - b. Goodwill University: McLean asked if board members had heard of the work that Goodwill University is doing to connect students to the trades, and stated that he will research it for discussion at the next meeting.
7. **Limited Public Comment: No public comment**
8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was moved for adjournment at 4:57p.m. following a motion from McLean supported by Nash.