



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2023: 10 AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Members Present: Amy Pepper, Chad Riffle (arrived at 10:03; left at 11:35), Monica Schuyler, Kathy Surd, Annette Quillan, & Joan Vidak (Committee Chair)

Staff Present: Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Schuyler, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 7-24-23:** Motion to approve by Schuyler, with support from Surd; Motion carried 5-0-1.
- 5) **Business:**

a) **Promise Numbers: Maloney provided an overview**

- i) For 2023-24: 94 Scholars renewed as of September 2023
 - (1) Average GPA from 2022-23—2.86
- ii) 21 Scholars received initial approval after at least 1 gap year (FTIAC)
- iii) 173 Students Approved from Class of 2023; Enrolled TBD
 - (1) Average High School GPA: 2.97; 34% First Generation
- iv) **Educational Supplies Award:** Maloney shared that although there was a later approval, it did not appear that Ludington students were negatively affected in accessing the educational supplies award; will not be able to confirm this by percentage until enrollment numbers are available.
 - (1) Numbers of qualifying students for fall 2023, disaggregated by school & award year

School	Year 1 (First Year Students)	Year 2 (Returning Students)
ASM Tech	1	1
Gateway to Success Acad.	0	2
Home Schooled/Non MC HS	2	0
Ludington High School	34 (1 Oriole Academy)	28
Mason County Central	25	18
Mason County Eastern	1	8

- (a) 90 students awarded based on FAFSA completion & registration by August 1, 2023; one dropped prior to using award, and one dropped after using a partial award, for a total of 89.
 - (b) All scholars on the list of qualified who were not awarded were added to Winter list
 - (c) Additional scholars have qualified (largely appeals and late renewals) since the fall deadline
 - (i) Surd asked if WSCC is planning to hold the same kind of in-person orientation events next year; Riffle added that it would be helpful to know in case we need to make a plan if in-person is not offered. Maloney will ask Annie Jacobson, the WSCC admissions director.
- b) **Success Coaching Long-Term Structure**
- i) Current Structure & Future Considerations (REF #3)
 - ii) Detroit Promise Path Model & Results
 - (1) Model: <https://detroitpromise.com/the-detroit-promise-path/>
 - (2) Results: [MDRC 4-year Study](#)
 - iii) What additional information is needed? What would you like To or Thru College to Explore?



- c) **FAFSA Changes:**
 - i) Late release of FAFSA in December 2023
 - (1) Updated FAFSA Info & Training: <https://www.ncan.org/page/better-FAFSA-webinar-series>
 - ii) Michigan Legislator has proposed [FAFSA completion as a Graduation Requirement](#) (REF #4)
 - (1) Feedback to MPZA on this issue for 9-28 Meeting?
 - (a) Schuyler expressed concerns that students may not be able to graduate; Vidak and Riffle expressed concerns that students may be impacted even if they weren't planning to go to college, providing students entering military service as an example, adding that it would provide additional barriers, especially for students who are already marginalized. The committee generally emphasized that students should not be affected negatively by FAFSA.
 - iii) Michigan-based FAFSA Completion Funding for Class of 2024: MCE \$1000, MCC: \$4500, LHS: \$8600: Maloney encouraged the Committee to recommend continued funding for the local initiative.
 - iv) *2023-24 Initiative (in 2023, \$5000 total was requested for local high schools): Motion by Riffle to recommend including FAFSA initiative funding at last year's rates in the 2024 proposed budget, supported by Quillan; motion carried 6-0-0.*
 - d) **College For Kids 2024 Funding Request: \$25,000**
 - (1) To support all Mason County-based youth who attend
 - (2) WSCC will present to full Board about 2023 C4K on October 9, 2023
 - (3) WSCC plans to continue additional kids' summer programming in 2024
 - (a) *Motion by Quillan to recommend funding College for Kids at the \$25,000 rate requested, specifying that the number of scholarship recipients must be included on the invoice, with support from Schuyler; Motion carried 4-0-1-1—Pepper abstained.*
 - e) **To College: Next meetings:** 9-27-23: Invited to Mason CAN Leadership Team Meeting; 10-19-23@1PM
 - f) **Through College:** Met: 9-13-23@8:30AM; Will Meet Next: 12-7-23@8:30 AM
 - g) **Next Meeting:** October 23, 2023@10AM
- 6) **Adjourn:** Vidak adjourned the meeting at 11:38 AM.