



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2023: 10 AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Members Present: Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Monica Schuyler, Kathy Surd (Left at 11AM), Joan Vidak; **Members absent:** Chad Riffle; **Staff Present:** Jody Maloney; **Guests Present:** Tess O’Neal, Jared Seymour

- 1) **Call to order:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- 2) **Public Comment:** No public comment made.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion to approve by Pepper, supported by Schuyler; Motion carried 5-0-1.*
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** from 4-24-23: *Surd noted an error in her name that needed correction. Motion to approve as amended, supported by Quillan; Motion carried 5-0-1.*
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) **WSCC College Completion Coach:** Jared Seymour introduced himself as the WSCC College Completion Coach, and shared about his background. Members introduced themselves.
 - b) **Growth—Pre-discussion numbers review**
 - i) What other data would be helpful related to Student Success:
 - (1) Surd shared that concrete numbers may help the group to better understand college progression rates.
 - (2) Dual enrollment rates from Mason County-based schools (with credits achieved) are needed
 - (3) Percent of students who started vs. completed
 - (4) Maloney is working with Chair and Treasurer to review numbers related to cost projections
 - (5) Data around Promise Scholars who choose to stay and work in Mason County are needed
 - ii) What other considerations come to mind?
 - (1) Numbers related to completion of credits and progression don’t change much between years 2-4
 - (2) Student decisions related to when to transfer may be impacted by the program they choose.
 - (3) Deadlines are considered by some to be a sign of readiness for college
 - (4) Promise funds cannot leave the state
 - (5) Shame makes it challenging for students to navigate getting help
 - c) **To College:** Fall Meeting Dates Pending
 - i) Show Up Event: April 10th is MCC’s SAT day (last year’s event was held on SAT day); LHS is April 17th.
 - ii) 2023 Scholars: 84 approvals sent so far
 - (1) LHS approvals still pending due to construction
 - iii) WSCC College Connections will take place at MCE & MCC in 2023
 - d) **Through College:** Fall Meeting Dates Pending
 - i) Promise Scholar Graduate Profile: Bailey Streeter
 - (1) Watch on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2BWSrS2v9s&t=3s>
 - ii) Promise First-Year Scholar Profile: Bryce Billings
 - (1) Watch on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfbLGTHv4tE&t=85s>
 - iii) Maloney shared that WSCC indicated that one Promise Scholar approved for the 2022-23 year completed a FAFSA but did not add WSCC on the list of colleges to send the FAFSA to, and that the deadline for the FAFSA was June 30, and that the scholar’s bill will then be sent to collections. Technically the MCPZ plan says that students must complete and renew their FAFSA each year, but doesn’t note that WSCC must be listed on their FAFSA in order to be covered.
 - (1) *Recommendation by Schuyler to cover a WSCC Promise Scholar’s tuition based on them having completed the FAFSA and review the plan language in the future to clarify, if needed, supported by Vidak; Motion carried, 3-1-2 (Surd left at 11AM).*
 - e) **Summer Success:**



- i) AmeriCorps members: Currently doing outreach virtually and twice a week at local libraries
- ii) Will help with WSCC Ramp-It-Up, College for Kids, & Summer Programming in June, July & August
 - (1) Maloney clarified that Ramp-It-Up is a WSCC event that is required for 2023 scholars to receive their Educational Supplies Awards
- f) **Next Meeting:** 4th Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: July 24, 2023@10AM: Location: LRN; *Motion by Quillan to cancel August SSC meeting, supported by Schuyler; motion carried 4-0-2.*
- 6) **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM.*