



**Mason County Promise Zone  
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 24, 2023 10:00 AM  
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network**

**Members Present:**

Joan Vidak, Annette Quillan, Kathy Surd, Chad Riffle, Monica Schuyler

**Members Absent:**

Amy Pepper

**Staff Present:**

Jody Maloney, Polly Myer

1. Call to Order: Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
2. Limited Public Comment: None
3. *Approval of the Agenda*
  - a. *Motion by Surd to approve the agenda with support by Riffle; Motion carried 4-0-2.*
4. *Approval of the Minutes from 2/27/23*
  - a. *Motion by Surd to approve the minutes from February 27th with support by RiffleSurd; Motion carried 4-0-2.*
5. Business:
  - a. To College
    - i. April 12 Event: Had great turnout with 80 planned and 65 participated
      1. WSCC interest-based tours of facilities - Vidak had great feedback from students who took tours
      2. Riffer heard from parents from students who were not there that there is lots of interest, so may get more districts to participate
      3. Maloney thanked the college for their commitment and money spent on the event and looks forward to doing it again.
    - ii. Current Promise applicants - have 160 applications and are hearing from home schooled students. Still need to find ways to communicate with students about the Promise
    - iii. Related activities
      1. 9th grade College Connections at MCE; hoping to expand it to other schools
      2. 7th Grade Speaker series at MCE in April on Tuesdays & Thursdays
      3. March info session - only 1 attendee - Will have Scholars record a version in May
      4. MCC HS Junior Parent Night in April - over 60 in attendance - was a great event
  - b. Through College
    - i. Redid Promise Scholar focus group virtually, possibly redoing it. Next meeting we will compare 2021 student responses to present.
    - ii. Reviewed Outcomes - Grad #s not available for winter 2023 yet
    - iii. NSC data upload for Salesforce to help with data collection is still not available
  - c. Summer Success:
    - i. "Ramp It Up": There are 4 dates for these events from 9:30 to 1:15 - with lunch provided; 50 per session should be enough space for all incoming Promise Scholars. This will be included in the Scholar award notice as well, so more students know they need to participate to get money. The educational supplies award of \$500 is wholly dependent on participating in "Ramp It Up."

- ii. College Edge - State of Michigan has some funding to help students during the summer to reconnect with education programs available. WSCC is offering a series of “adventures” and a two week Math and English academy - transportation, food, technology devices, custom support and a stipend will be offered to participating students. Community members or students can nominate from 2021-present for those who haven’t attended college.
  - iii. Tess O’Neal (AmeriCorps) will begin late June, early July to help with Summer Melt work. She will be with us for 3 weeks and Pennies will be helping fund this. AmeriCorps is a strictly volunteer program. However, our AmeriCorps workers in our county are making the maximum of any AmeriCorps program.
  - iv. Other Business: Surd wondered if now that a new board member is selected, will the group be getting back to talking about a more permanent position on campus for student success in the program.
- d. Next Meeting: 4th Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: May 22, 2023@10AM: Location: LRN.

6. **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved for adjournment at 10:55AM.*