



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2024: 10AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Present: Monica Jewell, Michael Masters (arrived at 10:14 AM), Amy Pepper & Joan Vidak
Absent: Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle & Kathy Surd
Staff Present: Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order/Welcome:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jewell to approve, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 3-0-4.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes from 4-22-24:** Motion by Jewell to approve, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 3-0-4.
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) Scholar Updates:
 - i) Class of 2024 Updates
 - (1) Approvals/Applications
 - (a) LHS—Pending: 0/131—Maloney noted that LHS sent out grade reports last week, so final transcripts should be updated and allow for LHS to verify graduation soon.
 - (b) MCC: 57/59—Vidak shared that Spartan Academy students will graduate on Friday.
 - (c) MCE: 15/15
 - (d) G2S/ASM/Homeschool/OtherHS/GED: 11/11—Maloney asked if there was interest in revisiting the discussion about automatic application for all high school seniors; Jewell shared that the last time the discussion was had, it was clear that it would still require student application effort to get all of the information needed to process their scholarship. No action was requested or taken.
 - ii) Promise Renewals for 2024-25
 - (1) Submitted/Approved/Denied: 104 submitted/75 approved (13 First Time Scholars from previous years)/6 denied—Maloney shared that about half of denials were GPA-related while the other half was due to exceeding 72 credits. The majority of unapproved renewals are due to needing a transcript.
 - (a) 3.1 Average GPA from 2023-24 scholars
 - iii) Graduates from WI24:
 - (1) 15 Scholars completed 17 degrees, 4 scholars completed a certification
 - (2) 99 WSCC Scholars have completed associate degrees at WSCC so far
 - (3) NSC updates for all degrees and certifications will be available in late 2024
 - iv) 2023-24 Graduate Feedback (REF #2)
 - v) Alumni Video: Promise WSCC Grads w/Transfer Success: 2 Profiles—The Promise is again working with WSCC and LakeFX Media to interview Scholars who have transferred, graduated with a bachelor's degree and are now working.
 - vi) Promise Student Forms & Information
 - (1) Documentation Overview—Maloney provided an overview for the purpose of the documentation form and requested feedback. Masters suggested a reduction of language and more positive wording where possible.
 - b) Promise Growth/Legislative Change Initiative Planning
 - i) Success Coaching Role: Interviews Conducted on 6-12-24 & 6-19-24
 - (1) Communication from Chad Riffle—Riffle's email shared that local administrators had positive things to say about the Promise's recent changes and the new Post-Secondary Advisor roles.



- (2) Update—Maloney shared that one candidate has been selected and an offer will be sent, and the second role was just interviewed last Wednesday, so the decision is pending.
 - (3) Tracking Spreadsheet Draft—Maloney provided an overview of this document, based on Hope Chicago’s tracking tools, sharing that she’s modifying it to work for the Post-Secondary Advisor to use. Maloney will share with those present, and request feedback be sent via email to her. Pepper asked if the spreadsheet will share feedback from student interactions about the PSA. Maloney responded that there was nothing specific on the spreadsheet for that purpose, and that the evaluation of student interactions with the PSA will be largely based on their supervisor’s observation of their work.
- c) To-Thru College Advisory Workgroup
- i) Strive Mentoring Opportunities
 - (1) MCO/MW-TEC—Maloney met with WSCC staff to review the former MCO document to make updates. The process will remain that students need to get advisor approval if in a program that requires MW-TEC/MCO courses at the beginning of their program, and only once, so that they can request reimbursement from the Promise Zone for the MCO-MWTEC courses that they are recommended to take for their programs. The process for reimbursement will remain the same. Students can access the form on the Promise website. New scholars are finding out about this option through the New Scholar Info Sessions. Maloney was unsure how WSCC would share with current Promise Scholars, as she does not find out what programs students are enrolled in.
 - (2) WSCC-MSU Update—The process for MSU Agriculture programs has reverted to WSCC handling financial aid funds and paying MSU, which is better for students. Maloney worked with WSCC’s business office and the MSU Ag program advisor to update checklist, which will be shared with new students via the New Scholar Info Sessions; the Ag program advisor will share it with current Promise Scholars.
- d) **Next Meeting:** 4th Monday at 10AM: Next meeting: July 22, 2024@10AM: Location: LRN; The August meeting was discussed, and will be cancelled due to a conflict with high school freshman orientation at MCC and the beginning of the school year.
- 6) **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 AM.*