



Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2023: 10:00 AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network

Members Present:

Joan Vidak, Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle, Amy Pepper, Kathy Surd(10:01), Monica Schuyler(10:03)

Staff Present:

Jody Maloney, Kelly Parker

1. Call to Order: Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Limited Public Comment: None
3. *Approval of the Agenda*
 - a. *Motion by Riffle to approve the agenda with support by Pepper; Motion carried 4-0-2.*
4. *Approval of the Minutes from November 24, 2022*
 - a. *Motion by Riffle to approve the minutes from November 24th with support by Quillan; Motion carried 5-0-1.*
5. Business:
 - a. Promise Numbers
 - i. Jody reviewed the numbers from 2018-2022
 - b. Recent Amendments to Promise Development Plan
 - i. Review Website Updates
 1. <https://www.masoncountypromise.org/apply>
 2. <https://www.masoncountypromise.org/students>
 - a. The committee discussed the Homeschool Registration Form
 - ii. Review Related online Forms(already approved the content)
 1. <https://forms.gle/PVy3BLRB6zF9oLp79>
 2. <https://forms.gle/kMuRVSLBLd2dWGAG8>
 - iii. Review Article
 1. Quillan requested that GED be added to the verbiage of the last paragraph of "Changes to Mason County Promise Scholarship". The sentence should read, "...after a student's high school graduation or GED receipt.
 - c. To College Advisory Workgroup: Will Meet: TBD
 - i. April 12 Event: Review Senior Feedback
 - ii. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Update
 1. The State of Michigan will reorganize its packaging for the Promise scholarship vs. Michigan achievement. Promise scholarship does come after Pell grants.
 - iii. FAFSA Initiative
 1. WSCC gave away a refrigerator and a college survival basket. Vidak said there was a lot of interest and feedback. There are plans to do another giveaway in March.
 - d. Through College Workgroup: January meeting canceled due to WSCC staff time conflict; Meets 2-9-23
 - i. April 12 Event: Overview of meeting on 2-1-23; Review Promise Priorities for Event
 - ii. Success Coaching: No success coach applicants have been identified; Maloney will hold informal scholar meetups in January (1-19), February (2-8), March & April (TBD); Maloney shared that the role has been challenging to fill due to housing and pay, adding that because onboarding takes so much time and the position is temporary, it may not provide the degree of consistency needed to support Promise Scholars in the long term.

- e. Mason Can Update: Will meet 1-26-23 @ 10AM; Grant is tentatively approved but still waiting for final.
 - f. Representative VanderWall Now Serving as VC of House committee on Higher Education: Schuyler suggested it may be worth connecting Rep. VanderWall with after Legislative Day through MCAN.
 - g. Review 2023 Promise Scholar Handbook
 - i. Jody reviewed the updated handbook.
 - ii. Pepper mentioned that there was a duplication to the Back-to-Campus Checklist page, "Student Organizations: Check the campus calendar of events and make a plan to get involved".
 - h. Next Meeting: 4th Monday at 10AM: February 27, 2023: Location: LRN
6. Other Business:
- a. Surd commented that she is happy with the engagement and push for the April 12 senior event. She's excited to see it move forward. Surd also questioned if there was any more discussion about housing at WSCC? The committee was unsure about forward momentum on that topic.
7. **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved for adjournment at 11:12AM.*