



**Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Policy Committee**  
Policy Committee Meeting Agenda  
February 5, 2020, 1PM, Ludington & Scottville Area Chamber Conference Room

1. Roll Call: Present: Fabian Knizacky, Jim McLean, Monica Schuyler, Annette Quillan; Absent: Ed Makowicki;  
Schuyler called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.
2. Limited Public Comment: None
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Knizacky; Support by McLean; Motion carried 4-0-1.
4. New Business:
  - a. Define the scope and purpose of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee will review topics as defined by the needs of the Mason County Promise Zone Board. The purpose of the Policy Committee is to provide recommendations on policy related issues to the Board.
  - b. Determine meeting frequency/dates: The Policy Committee will meet on an ad-hoc basis.
  - c. Promise Eligibility Requirements
    - a. Clarification of Residency for High School Graduates: Knizacky asked the Coordinator to make a list of potential audiences that would fall under the Eligibility Criteria, part 1. a. in the Mason County Promise Zone Amended Plan approved in May 2018, and to assemble examples of how other Promise Zones include GED and Homeschooled graduates in their plans, and bring that information to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting in May. The committee will plan to review the lists at that time for the purposes of making a recommendation to the Board.
    - b. Make recommendation: None.
  - d. Promise Scholarship Use
    - a. Define "Promise Scholar": The Committee requested to review the State definition of a "Promise Scholar" in order to align our local definition with that. Students who do not directly use the Promise Scholarship could still benefit from student success funds, but the Committee will review at the next meeting whether or not to make a recommendation for these students to be considered "Promise Scholars."
    - b. Review 9-credit minimum for fall and winter semesters: Knizacky made a motion to recommend to the full Board that the Promise Scholarship require a 6-credit per-semester minimum; Support by McLean; Motion carried 4-0-1.
    - c. 60 Credits to 72 Credits of Eligibility
      - i. Is this 60/72 credits total regardless of institution or 60/72 credits through WSCC only while an eligible scholar? The Committee discussed this and ramification of this on various populations.
        1. How does this affect:

- a. Students who use the Promise only in summer and attend elsewhere?
  - b. Student who dual enroll or accumulate credits through ASM Tech at WSCC?
  - c. Students who use up TIP dollars/credits or Pell availability?
- d. Make recommendations for full Board: No recommendation, however clarification on the Board's interpretation is needed. The Policy Committee agreed that 72 credits has already been approved by the full Board and just needs to be presented to the State as an amendment to the State-approved Plan. The Policy Committee's interpretation is that the Promise Scholarship covers 60 credits (and will after approval cover 72) of tuition and fees for any eligible student, in addition to credits covered by any other first dollar funding. The Committee would like to know if the full Board shares this interpretation.
- e. By-Laws: This discussion is postponed until the May meeting.
  - a. Review By-Laws amendments previously discussed by Board
  - b. Make recommendation
- f. FOIA Policy: This discussion is postponed until the May meeting.
  - a. Review fees and options for exemptions
  - b. Make recommendation

5. Any Other Business: Next meeting date will be on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1PM, location TBD.

6. Limited Public Comment: None

7. Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by McLean. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.