



**Mason County Promise Zone
Student Success Committee Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2024: 10 AM
Location: Lakeshore Resource Network**

Members present: Monica Jewell (arrived at 10:02), Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle (arrived at 10:04), Kathy Surd, Joan Vidak

Members absent: Michael Masters

- 1) **Call to order:** *Vidak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.*
- 2) **Public Comment:** Annette Quillan explained that she learned from an adult who she helped with reading when they were young, that the reading help was beneficial. Quillan encouraged the Committee to consider supporting early reading initiatives.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by Surd to approve, with support from Pepper; Motion carried 4-0-3.*
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Pepper to approve, with support from Quillan; Discussion included a wondering whether minutes should be less specific on individual Board member names; Motion carried 6-0-1.*
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) **Promise Numbers**
 - i) For 2024-25: 127 Scholars renewed as of September 2024
 - (1) Average College GPA from 2023-24—3.1
 - (2) 15 Scholars received initial approval after at least 1 gap year (Renewed as FTIAC)
 - ii) 220 Students Approved from Class of 2024; Enrolled TBD
 - (1) Average High School GPA: 3.17 (6% at or under 2.0; 60% at or under 3.5)
 - iii) **Educational Supplies Award:**
 - (1) Numbers of qualifying students for fall 2024, disaggregated by school & award year: Maloney noted that there is a relatively low number of students who complete FYS to qualify for the year 2 award, and that it may be valuable to consider other options to qualify like overall GPA.
 - b) **Inventory of Growth Topics:** Additional staffing was added to the list of topics raised since the last Board discussion.
 - c) **Upcoming Dates**
 - i) October 1: Promise application opens, Community Foundations Scholarships Open, College Month
 - (1) Consideration of Automatic Applications by School Roster? *Motion by Quillan to recommend starting the process to coordinate high school graduation lists with Promise applications, supported by Riffle; Discussion included a question of when it would be effective—Maloney suggested that if the recommendations is approved, no changes would take place for the current academic year; Motion carried 6-0-1.*
 - ii) October 8, 9-Noon—Transfer Sessions at WSCC; Promise Scholars get free bookstore drinks to encourage them to talk with a college rep.
 - iii) December 1: FAFSA opens
 - d) **Next Meeting:** October 28, 2024@10AM; A member expressed that they are pleased to see references to college in each update from LHS.
- 6) **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved to adjourn at 10:36.*