



**Mason County Promise Zone**  
**Student Success Committee Meeting**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 16, 2024: 1PM**  
**Location: Lakeshore Resource Network**

**Present:** Monica Jewell, Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan, Chad Riffle, Kathy Surd, and Joan Vidak

**Members Absent:** Michael Masters

**Staff Present:** Jody Maloney

- 1) **Call to order:** Vidak called the meeting to order at 1PM.
- 2) **Public Comment:** None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Surd to approve the agenda, supported by Pepper; Motion carried 6-0-1.
- 4) **Minutes from the November 25, 2024:** Motion by Jewell to accept the minutes, supported by Pepper; Motion carried 6-0-1.
- 5) **Business:**
  - a) Growth Discussion Follow-Up
    - i) Other Promise Zone Processes for Obtaining Data for Treasury/CEPI
      - (1) Baldwin Promise: Issues letter to colleges, requests invoice with data in return: Maloney shared that Baldwin has not had issues with getting back data.
      - (2) Detroit Promise: Has an MOU with 32 institutions; Still has to do frequent outreach to obtain data (UICs, aid amounts, etc.) from colleges despite having agreements
    - ii) Considerations for Expansion: Members clarified that the Board wanted to expand to additional institutions, did not want to supplant state funds, and did not want to fundraise.
      - (1) Return on Investment by Institution
      - (2) Scenarios: The Committee reviewed scenarios.
    - iii) Additional Questions or Information: After considering current scholarship offerings across the state, the Committee will opt to look at the following cost scenarios in January (with applications for tuition-only and cost-of-attendance flexible flat awards): Maintaining the WSCC Promise Scholarship as-is, covering tuition costs for approved scholars, with the modification of a flexible flat award amount of up to \$2500/semester that could be applied up to total cost of attendance for WSCC scholars, and the addition of the following for each Promise-eligible high school graduate: either a one-time, first-year flexible award of \$5000 for students who attend another institution in Michigan, or a one-time \$5000 flexible transfer scholarship for Mason County Graduates who opt to use the Promise at WSCC then transfer to another institution in Michigan. Maloney will provide cost scenarios related to this flexible (up to the total cost of attendance) scholarship option, along with one that supports tuition only.
    - iv) Recommendation: Quillan made a motion to bring to the Board the idea expand the scholarship to a one-year award of \$5000 toward the Cost of Attendance for the first-year of attendance, or WSCC transfer scholarship, at any college in Michigan; the motion died for lack of support due to needing additional information.
    - v) Surd left at 2:46 PM.
  - b) MCP-WSCC Retention Table: did not review
  - c) SSC Charter Review: did not review
  - d) SSC Meeting Dates for 2025, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 10-11:30AM (unless otherwise decided)
    - i) January 27: 10-11AM (Appeals meets at 11 w/Presentation from WSCC's Dean of Student Services on Academic Interventions for Struggling Students), February 24, March 24, April



28, May—No Meeting (Memorial Day), June 30, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24. (No meeting in December)

- 6) **Next Meeting:** January 27, 2025@10-11:00 AM at LRN
- 7) **Adjourn:** *Vidak moved to adjourn at 2:47 PM.*