

MARBLE  
PARENT  
COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES**  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
Marble Library  
729 North Hagadorn

**IN ATTENDANCE** Emily Lilly-Lacca, Andrea Magyar, Opal Wong, Nell Kuhnmuensch, Sara Roberts, Diana Bartlett Jones, Ginger Ogilvie, Karen Bonnell, Amy Refior, Sonya Craig, Courtney Trunk, Topaz Hodkinson, Dianna Erickson, Principal Sarah Scott, Carla Larzelere, Lindsay Fast, Sara Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

Emily Lilly-Lacca

**REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA**

Approved

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES** – May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 & August 26<sup>th</sup> 2016

Approved both

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report

Amy Refior

Revenue: expected increase in Carnival revenue compared to last year

Expenses: expected decrease for Carnival expenses, adding Movie Night license, Teacher Reimbursement increase due to increase in number of teachers

We are over budget by under \$3k, which will need to be made up during this year with fundraisers, etc. 2016-17 Budget was approved

District Parent Council Report

Andrea Magyar

Look for schedule at: <http://elps.k12.mi.us/parents/district-parent-council/>

School board members will now be attending all parent meetings

15 new teachers hired this year

AVID college readiness program in 2<sup>nd</sup> year – included 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade so far

Getting ready for bond in May – Bond Committee has been formed

Early Childhood Committee (such as GSRP/Head Start) is bringing forward their report this week

Rachel's Challenge at MMS

Elementary schools are doing Fun Runs around the same time, interested in sharing ideas

DPC School Board Candidate Meet & Greet at ELHS, Date TBA, in addition to the League of Women Voters forum on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Hannah Center

Safe Routes to School, Walk to School Day October 5<sup>th</sup>, all elementary schools

Principal's Report

Sarah Scott

[MStep Update moved to October, with Fall Data Review]

Assessment window opened this week, so assessments are underway

Working well: Ms MacNamara doing a great job subbing for Mrs. Casby, Mr. Johnson is off to Pinecrest for 30 days tomorrow with Mr. Buckler filling in for him

Noon Hour Lunch Monitors working well: Lisa Foot and Micah Vieth new, Ms. Jamuna helping 1hr day recess, need one more to replace Mr. Jose.

New tables are great, K/5 pairing really great!

Launched 2<sup>nd</sup> Step social/emotional program at all elem buildings. It is a common resource for teaching critical skills for kindness/problem solving which matches existing PBIS

Building Healthy Communities Grant – team met today: nutrition ed and assessment/tracking, taste testing, survey

Big Zoo coming up, week of October 3rd

\$25,000 to each school from sale of Timberlane property to invest in student materials/use – 2<sup>nd</sup> Step comes from that money, and also flexible student seating – looking at options from School Specialty (same as cafeteria tables), everything ordered by Thanksgiving, something for every classroom.

#### Board of Education Report

Nell Kuhnmuench

Board Members now attending parent meetings again on rotating basis

Class size issue: Superintendent is looking into possibility of parapro's, positions have been posted, being careful of cost – \$30/35K year per para, some contract limits, need to develop policy, also know that there is some settling out of population as year proceeds. They hear and are sympathetic to situation for all schools.

Bond Committee – we would like to do something different with facilities, they know we are doing the best we can with what we have.

Early Childhood Committee driven in part by law, children required to be given services and we are currently not in compliance

Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ Students just passed, board 7-0, and there are gender neutral bathrooms at ELHS

Would like to get positive stories of what schools are doing onto our web site.

MSU College of Engineering and some teachers participated with 4 students over summer doing pre-research with some engineering instructors on campus.

ELEF Award Dinner - Alison Knox, alumna, from Microsoft, stepped in and is working with girls interested in engineering at HS, presented on young women in STEM

No changes in Admin team this year – hooray!

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Fun Run 2016

Courtney Trunk/Sonya Craig

10% raised, early pledge date is Friday, Pom Squad, Muskie the Muskrat coming on Thursday

Get the word out that it is time to donate!

<https://squareup.com/store/MarbleFunRun>

##### Wellness Plans

Ginger Ogilvie

Safe Routes to School – Burcham crosswalk ready for 1<sup>st</sup> Day! Also Walk to School Day October 5<sup>th</sup> for all elem. Schools - parents invited to join SRTS efforts

Farm to School - Apple Crunch Day October 13<sup>th</sup>

Building Healthy Communities Grant – taste tests, starting at Fun Run

Casey Bain's clubs are awesome!

Movie Night plans

Will present plan for funds at next meeting

#### PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Upcoming Movie Nights

Emily Lilly-Lacca

5<sup>th</sup> Grade in November (Courtney Trunk), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Big Zoo funding) in January, Wellness (opposite Spaghetti Dinner) in February, Teachers in March, General MPC in May

Mrs. Collier has the folder with licensing info, list of movies

[Science Night in November, Math Night in January]

#### NEW BUSINESS

[5<sup>th</sup> grade Math - moved to October

Amy Refior]

Opal Wong (not on agenda) came to share information about Brain Gym

#### PARENTS QUESTION & ANSWER

Emily Lilly-Lacca

Class size discussion—MPC what can we do?

Currently 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are over the cap

SOC only added to 4<sup>th</sup> and K this year  
Contractual language allows for 2+ over cap, allowing for teacher compensation  
New language was proposed by ELEA during negotiations and not accepted  
Concern was expressed that class size is not equitable across the district  
Not much we can do at this point, as mentioned earlier, district is seeking parapro's

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

[Thank you - moved to October

Emily Lilly-Lacca]

**ADJOURNED at 9pm**

*UPCOMING EVENTS*

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 7pm at Hannah Center
Fun Run—playground	September 29 <sup>th</sup>
Big Zoo Lesson—Potter Park	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>
Walk to School Day	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
Apple Crunch Day	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Koo Koo Kangaroo	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher Lunch	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Wellness Committee Meeting	October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10am at Marble
District Parent Council Meeting	October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10:30am at ELHS
October MPC meeting	October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Half days/Conferences	October 18 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>
No School	October 21st