

2021-22 INTER-SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 01/26/22 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance

Heather Berkenpas, Brandi Berta, Adam Burkholder, Mike Cuneo, Jake Himmelspach, Alison Gervat, Lisa Jacobs, Jeremy Karel, Joann Lambert, Kerrie LeBlanc, Beth Meyer-Kraft, Mandy Mynhier-Lake, Jodi Nester, Lindesy O'Rourke, Mike Ramm, Christie Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach, Renee Russo, Sonya Schmidt

Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Inter-School Advisory Council is to act as an advisory group to the school superintendent and other administrative personnel, to serve as a sounding board for pertinent issues, and to facilitate communication to the community.

Superintendent/Central Office Reports

Lisa Jacobs, Executive Director of Community Services

- Superintendent Update:
 - Michigan Leadership Institute, led by Peter Haines, has been selected by the Board of Ed (BoE) to conduct the search for a new superintendent
 - What to expect from this point:
 - Applicants will be submitting materials by 2/11/22 at 4 PM
 - BoE will review materials and interview applicants (open to the public) – date of interviews is still TBD
 - Information on when/how many candidates will be on the RPS website as well as pushed to all media sources
- Developing Healthy Kids – 3/22/22 – The Upside of Stress with Kelly McGonigal – “The Upside of Stress is an empowering guide, revealing practical strategies for transforming anxiety into courage, isolation into connection, and adversity into meaning.” – from RPS DHK flyer
 - Virtual Presentation with livestream link available on RPS website 3/21/22 as well as a few days afterwards.
 - Coordinating book is available in paperback (free version through KDL) and an audio version. There is also a TED Talk on the subject.
 - Middle School and High School counselors will be engaging students in this book.

Mike Ramm (Assistant Superintendent of Instruction)

- Classroom furniture pilot
 - The goal of the pilot is to find furniture that gels with instructional delivery and spurs thinking and high engagement. Please see prior ISAC meeting minutes for further information on the pilot program.
 - 2/1/22 pilot teachers will get to ask questions and see some of the pieces that will be implemented. **Mr. Nephew and his classroom is a pilot teacher for this first round of testing!** On 3/14/22 there is a full day of professional development for these teachers to go over how to use and provide feedback for the 1st pilot rooms.
- RAMS XI
 - Blueprint for RPS and the continuous improvement of educational opportunities for all children and community members through December 31, 2024.
 - Hard copies can be obtained from the front office at any RPS school or from the admin building. Online you can view RAMS XI on the [RPS Website](#) (clickable link).

Finance (Mike Cuneo, Assistant Superintendent of Finance)

- State of Michigan Revenue Estimating Conference Update
 - Meet on what revenue is coming in and what expenditures are going out
 - Meeting was held the week of 1/17/2022 and another one will be held in May (potentially more meetings, but no less than two)
 - School Aid fund is the primary source of funding for MI schools – approx. \$14 billion
 - There is an excess of \$4.5 billion across the state
 - equates to \$3,500 per student across the state
 - Use dollars to attract/retain school employees
 - There is still a shortage of teachers and employees
 - Governor Whitmer will present her budget in February
 - She is likely to pass a budget that makes both sides look good because it's an election year.
- Bond Update
 - Break ground on new elementary school in March or April
 - Transportation building build is slated for summer 2022
 - Crestwood is getting 6 new classrooms to the south
 - 210 new houses will be built by the gravel pit
 - District phones have been updated/converted
 - New Chromebooks for the M-STEP (separate from student Chromebooks for security reasons)

ISAC Member Issues/Miscellaneous

REF large grant deadline 1/31/22 (\$15,000)

Next Meeting

February 23, 2022, Administration Office Team Room (350 N. Main Street)