

# 2022-23 INTER-SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

*Date | time* 10/26/22 9:00 a.m.

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### In Attendance

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Heather Berkenpas, Brandi Berta, Bobbi Jo Blanton, Karissa Chase, Teya Cotter, Dana Green, Jeremy Karel, Joy Komer, Dr. Steve Matthews, Many Mynhier-Lake, Lindesy O-Rourke, Mike Ramm, Christie Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach, Jill Silverman, Jenny Steele, Jessica Steele, Heather Taylor, Korie Wilson-Crawford

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### Advisory Committee

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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.

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### Booster Bucks – Melody Butters, Rockford Chamber of Commerce – 9/28/22

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Rockford Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Rockford Public Schools to offer Booster Bucks to support our local community merchants and our schools. When Booster Bucks are purchased through the RPS website, 5% of every purchase will go to the organization of our choosing (Roguewood PTO, SI Boosters, band, choir, etc). These profits are sent out approximately every two weeks if a minimum of \$20 has been reached. Booster Bucks can be purchased 24/7 and printed out on your home computer or e-mailed to the recipient. There are currently 65 local merchants that accept Booster Bucks. Any excess Booster Bucks remaining once spent, it is up to the discretion of the merchant as to whether you will get cash back, so smaller denominations might be a better way to gift. There is also a corporate gifting order form online for large orders. Booster Bucks would make great Christmas, birthday, and teacher gifts.

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### Superintendent's Report

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Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm (Assistant Superintendent of Instruction), Korie Wilson-Crawford (Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources)

a. Superintendent

- Non-Homestead Millage – levied on 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and businesses, NOT on your primary residence
  - On the ballot every 4 years and has passed every year since 1994
  - Equates to approximately 7% (7.2 million dollars) of the general fund (which goes towards ops, repairs, and wages & benefits of staff) – as a visual, 7.2 million is the salary of approximately 80 teachers

b. Instruction (Mike Ramm)

- 2022/23 Curriculum Update & Adoption processes

- Michigan clearly outlines content standards as to what to teach – districts can not deviate in content areas (Michigan Department of Ed content standards)
  - Curriculum is more rigorous – less memorization and more focus on outcomes
  - Provide same grade level learning expectations and standards across the district
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade has an increased expectation of learning in ELA and Algebra
    - K-5 has increased expectation of learning in phonics
    - K-8 has increased expectation of learning in social studies.
- c. Human Resources (Korie Wilson-Crawford)
- School News Network – New Teacher Cohort – 69<sup>th</sup> & 70<sup>th</sup> teacher just hired!
    - <https://www.schoolnewsnetwork.org/2022/10/21/making-teachers-feel-like-they-belong/>
  - 540 teachers & certified staff at RPS
  - School safety – background checks
    - Each RPS employee is background checked twice a year on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> and it is cross referenced by state via a REP (Registry of Educational Personnel)
    - This is also a state of Michigan requirement

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## Next Meeting

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November 16, 2022, Administration Office Team Room (350 N. Main Street)