Michigan Center School District  
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2016  
5:30 PM  
Community Room @ Jr./Sr. High School

I. Welcome

II. Introductions
   a. Members Present
      i. Steve Trefry
      ii. Craig Hashley
      iii. Kami Pelham
      iv. Kim Brown
      v. Andrea Scholten
      vi. Katie Bradley
   b. Michigan Center School Staff Present
      i. Scott Koziol - Superintendent

III. Follow Up from January’s Meeting
   a. Michigan Center Education Foundation Brochures (see below)
      i. The Foundation brochures were made available to the those in attendance
   b. Superintendent Koziol recapped the Foundation’s purpose and of providing opportunities for students through teacher mini grants and scholarships for graduating seniors
   c. There will be a need in the near future new Board Members and it is the wish of the current Board to begin seeking out younger people that have a tie to the Michigan Center School District

IV. Status of the Ballot Issue
   i. Superintendent Koziol gave an update on the approved ballot issue that will be put forth to the voters of Michigan Center on May 3, 2016
      1. 2.99 mills
      2. $10.5 million over 30 years
      3. The project will touch all operating buildings in the district
         a. Parking/traffic flow at all buildings will be addressed
         b. Bathroom remodels across the district
         c. Arnold
            i. New all-purpose space at Arnold Elementary
            ii. New boilers
         d. New entry and cafeteria at the Jr./Sr. High School
         e. New lockers at Keicher
         f. Roof at the bus garage
b. County Common Calendar Update
   i. Superintendent Koziol shared with the PAC that the county received word today that the official letter granting approval for the county’s waiver is ready and should arrive sometime this week
   ii. This would mean that school would start prior to Labor Day on August 24, 2016 with a half day and the last day of school would June 9, 2017
   iii. Information will be sent out once the calendar is finalized with the unions. Hopefully by the end of the month, or early March.

V. Michigan Center School District’s Graduation Requirements
   a. Superintendent Koziol went over the graduation requirements for Michigan Center and started with a document from the MDE (Michigan Merit Curriculum Q & A)
      i. A link to the document is below:
      iii. This document shares specifics about the required curriculum and the possible modifications that can be made through a personal curriculum
          1. Personal curriculums are used mainly for students with IEP’s and students who attend the Career Center
   b. All people in attendance received a one page document (see below) with all of the graduation requirements specific to Michigan Center High School
      i. The requirements mirror the state requirements with the addition of the 23 electives required by Michigan Center

VI. Future Meeting Topics
   a. District Budget Update
   b. Ballot Proposal Follow Up

VII. Next Meeting Date
   a. March 23, 2016 @ 5:30 PM in the Community Room

VIII. Round Table
   a. Nothing discussed

IX. Adjournment
   a. The meeting adjourned around 6:10 PM
A decision you can make today can, and will, have a lasting impact on the educational opportunities the Foundation is able to provide. We thank you for your generous contributions to the future of our children and the educational opportunities we are able to offer.

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WHAT Projects Have Already Been Funded?

- Digital Storytelling - Arnold
- Greenhouse Science Equipment & Materials
- Leveling the Reading Field - Jr. High
- Tech for Toddlers - Preschool
- Electronic Piano/Synthesizer - Jr./Sr. HS Band
- Kindergarten Backpacks
- 2nd Grade Book Program - 2 years of funding
- “Wiggle While You Work” - Keicher
- Keicher “LINKS” Peer to Peer Support Program
- Classroom Makeover - Jr. HS
- Reading Furniture - Preschool
- Instrument Repair - Jr./Sr. HS Band
- Community & School Book Houses

Over $7,000 in three years!!!
**HOW Are Funds Used?**

Funds are used to help bridge the gap between identified needs of the school and what is actually available through state and federal funding. In order to maintain the integrity of our district’s programs as these state and federal funds continue to decrease, the need for outside support increases. This is where the Foundation steps in to assist.

Michigan Center School District staff members are eligible to apply for multiple $500 teacher mini grants that the Foundation is supporting annually.

An annual scholarship is also given on the behalf of the Foundation. The Michigan Center Education Foundation/Helen Burns Scholarship, provides one graduating Michigan Center senior $500 towards any post-secondary expenses.

Additional support of student programs and scholarships is a future goal and will hopefully be realized in the near future as the ability to fund projects grows for the Foundation.

**Making a Donation**

Make a Tax-Deductible Donation

- $50  
- $100  
- $150  
- $200  
- $250  
- Other $______

_____ I would like my donation to remain anonymous.

In honor/memory of (person’s name):

_____________________________________

Donations made in honor/memory of a person(s) will be recognized on a plaque outside of the Superintendent’s Office.

Name of Donor

Address

City, State, Zip

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Please make your check payable to:

The Michigan Center Education Foundation

(mail to the address below)

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Thank you for your generous support.

All contributions are tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law.

**WHAT Is The Foundation?**

The Michigan Center Education Foundation, founded in 2009, is a non-profit, tax exempt organization. We coordinate our efforts with the Michigan Center School District, although we are an independent charitable organization. Our Foundation Board is comprised of volunteers interested in the Michigan Center Community, along with three non-voting members from the Michigan Center School District.

**Making a Difference...**

Each of us has a story that helped to shape our desire to make a difference. Together, with your support, we believe we are making a difference in the lives of our students by providing for various needs that do not fall within the Michigan Center School District’s annual budget.
MICHIGAN CENTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
START WITH CLASS OF 2016 AND ABOVE

Credits
- The minimum number of credits needed for graduation from MC is 23.
- Half credit is given per semester for each class successfully completed.
- One and one-half credits are given per semester for each regular shift completed at the Jackson Area Career Center (may attend your Junior and Senior year)

Graduation Requirements
The following classes must be successfully completed to meet graduation requirements:

Required Classes
- 8 semesters of English which include:
  - English 9
  - English 10
  - English 11
  - English 12
- 8 semesters of Mathematics
  - Algebra I (9th)
  - Geometry (10th)
  - Algebra II (11th)
  - Senior math class (student choice) (12th)
- 6 semesters of Science
  - Conceptual Physics or other science elective (9th)
  - Biology (10th)
  - Physics or Chemistry (11th OR 12th)
- 2 semesters of Physical Education/Health (9th or 10th)
- 6 semesters of Social Studies
  - US History/Geography (9th)
  - Civics – one semester (10th)
  - Economics – one semester (10th)
  - World History/Geography (11th)
- 4 semesters of a Foreign Language (same language for all semesters)
- 2 semesters Visual, Performing or Applied Arts (ie. Drama, choir, band, art, graphics class from career center, etc)
- Electives: additional classes a student will take to reach the 23 credit requirement.