

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)

June 17, 2021, at 8 a.m

The Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on June 17, 2021, at 8 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Members Present: Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Evert), Sherry Franklin (Reed City), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: James Swartzendruber (Crossroads)

Others Present: Mike Miller, Fred Sharpsteen, Patience Nemeth

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 8:00 a.m. by MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director.

2. Adopt April 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes
There was a motion by Member Anderson, supported by Member Kent, to adopt the April 15, 2021, MOP Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **MOP Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Report**

Superintendent Locke reported to the Council for Christy Miller, Director of SE, on the following:

- Special Education Supervisor positions for Evert Public Schools and Big Rapids Public School and the positive relationships built.
- Evert - Ayla Lockhart
 - MiCIP work is planned; the first session was on June 3, 2021.
 - Looking at instruction and best practices with special education with a focus on high leverage practices in literacy at all levels.,
- Big Rapids Public Schools - Cheryl Wright
 - BRPS and MOISD BR Satellite Programs have finished their Benchmark and State assessments, reviewed growth, and prepared for the following year.
 - Events: the satellite programs participated in celebrations to help build relationships.
 - The program for students with Emotional Impairment participated in BRMS Earth Day Clean-Up.
 - The Early Childhood Special Education Program celebrated Autism Awareness Month.
 - Planning for students transitioning to kindergarten has been completed to help students make the next step forward in their education.

Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director of CTE, to give an update on Meceola Tech.

- MiLEAP Grant: The State approved the MiLEAP grant, and we partner with Michigan Works. This grant assists job seekers in the transition from short and mid-term education and training programs to high-skills, high-wage employment and

career pathways. Michigan was one of eight states to receive these funds through the CARES Act. This will help students with tuition.

- For the 2020-2021 School year
 - Nine classes were held, and 42 students were trained in welding-13, CNA- 8, CMT-7, Corrections-6, ServSafe-6, and Culinary- 3.
- Numbers were slightly up from last year despite the challenges of COVID.
- Additionally, Mr. Miller informed the Council that this would be his last MOP meeting as he is moving on to new ventures in California.

Superintendent Locke informed the Council that Gretchen Spedowske would be the new CTE Director. She will be splitting her time between the MOISD and Newago RESA. There was a discussion among the Council.

Superintendent Locke asked **Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology**, to give an update on Technology. Mr. Sharpsteen reported the following;

- Staff Changes
 - Reed City Area Public School has inquired about hiring Chad Marshall directly.
 - RCAPS is also looking at directly hiring a couple of other MOP employees.
 - There was discussion about this among the Council.
- Possible MOP Position
 - MOP repair technician: position would help with repairs for all the LEA districts.
 - Numerous repairs on tech devices are needed district-wide.
 - It makes better financial sense to perform them on-site.
- MOP Co-Op Data Center Refresh
 - The current data center is ten years old
 - There is some federal money available to help with the cost.

Superintendent Locke discussed why the improvements are necessary:

- Many of the LEAs do not have a generator on site.
 - If one district goes down, everyone goes down.
 - Cost savings
 - Backup data services
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- Security
 - Fiber Circuits: we are looking at purchasing a fiber locator so we can effectively and quickly get them marked so we do not have issues in the future.

4. Superintendent Locke reported on the following:

- MOISD Summer School was successful. LEA districts and staff participated, and 200 students district-wide attended. There was a discussion among the Council.
- Special Education Supervisor: Reed City Area Public Schools is partnering with Pine River but not through the MOP.
- MTTTS presentation by Chippewa Hills. This program has been very successful.
- Merit Pay: applications were received for two employees
 - Mike Schonert & Rose Kipfmiller: they both qualified for the \$500 bonus
 - Superintendent Locke reminded the Council that applications are due in March, and all MOP employees are eligible to receive merit pay.
 - Mr. Sharpsteen reported that he did provide the application to LEA Tech. Directors. Superintendents are also aware.

5. **Other:**

The Council discussed the following:

- Organizational meeting: August 19, 2021
- Supporting conversations with Council Superintendents to provide expanded services that could be provided through the MOP.
- Lawn and snowplowing challenges.
- Possibilities of sharing a Transportation Director in the future.
- Bus Driver needs.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary