

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)

November 18, 2021, at 8 a.m.

This meeting was held in the Parsons Room of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD building at 15760 190th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Steve Locke (MOP Director, MOISD Superintendent).

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

Members Absent: Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood),

Others Present: Fred Sharpsteen, Christy Miller, Gretchen Spedowske, Patience Nemeth

2. **Adopt August 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes** – Minutes adopted unanimously.

4. **Set Meeting Dates, Times, and Places-**

MOP Director/Superintendent Steve Locke reviewed the updated meeting schedule and asked if there were questions and/or additions.

5. **Alternates for MOP-** Karen McNally was removed as an alternate for Crossroads Charter Academy.

6. **MOP Co-Op Positions by District –**

An updated position list was given to the Council.

7. **New MOP Co-Op Positions**

- MOP Truancy Officer: LEA's have had some truancy challenges, and additional help is needed. There was discussion among the Council regarding declining attendance, attendance issues, maintaining the connection with family and students when not in attendance, homeschooling, COVID quarantines, restrictions/requirements, and social/emotional needs.
- Stimulus money- this is the first time in a long time that money abounds for LEA Districts, and they are working to see if they can pull this position into their districts full time
- MOP Director/Superintendent Locke and Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, discussed the increasing need for MOP computer technicians needed. There is also a need for a repair technician. The Council was in unanimous agreement that these positions are required.

- The Council discussed bus driver shortage and what we can do to help local districts.

8. **MOP Supervisor Reports**

MOP Director/Superintendent Locke asked Gretchen Spedowski, Director of CTE, to update the Council on Meceola Tech. She reported the following:

- For Fall 2021 15, students showed interest in a Meceola Tech program.

- Advertising
- She discussed the MiLEAP grant. This grant will help eligible students have their training paid for. The grant assists job seekers to transition from short- and mid-term education and training programs to high-skill, high-wage employment.

Christy Miller, Director of Special Education, to give an update on Special Education. She reported the following:

- Ayla Lockhart, Ewart Public Schools Special Education Supervisor, Ewart Public Schools had their first Special Education Department meeting, which she was part of. They have been working on high-quality IEPs, compliance, and timelines.
- Big Rapids Public Schools Special Education Supervisor
 - Jesse Gilding is the SE supervisor for MOISD BRMS and MOISD BR Satellite Programs. She explained he is getting his feet wet and discussed the following:
 - Big Rapids has been working on IEP's and evaluations are being completed for students this fall.
 - ECSEP assessments and benchmark assessments have been completed.

MOP Director/Superintendent Locke asked Fred Sharpsteen, Director of Technology, to give an update on Technology. He reported the following:

- Cyber Security Awareness Month and how the MOP Co-OP team keeps student and family data safe and secure.
- Service Matrix: He is creating a service matrix that will list what tech services.
- Workforce growth.
- MOP Co-Op Supports and staffing needs.
- Student count day and data: Jim Canham is working with LEA staff to get data accurate and completed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary