

Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District
15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

MOP² MINUTES

June 18, 2020

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Friday, June 18, 2020, at 8 a.m. this meeting was held virtually, via Zoom, due to the Governor of Michigan's Executive Order.

Members Present: Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Christine Mund (Reed City), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), James Swartzendruber (Crossroads)

Others Present: Fred Sharpsteen, Mike Miller, and Patience Nemeth

MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes – Member Anderson made a motion, supported by Member Nichols, to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bi-Monthly Supervisors Reports:

Director of CTE – Mike Miller, Director of CTE, reported on the following:

- Phlebotomy Course- just finished, a new course is scheduled to begin on June 16th.
- Mid Michigan and Tri-Area Trucking CDL class- will be the next classes to run.
- Fall Classes: Automotive Electrical, Culinary Basics, CAN, EMT, IT-Office Professional, IT-Comp TIA A+, Introduction to Manufacturing, and Welding.
- Discussed the tuition, costs, expenditures, and enrollment data
 - For most courses, tuition rates are slightly rising. We worked hard to ensure tuition rates are still affordable and competitive. The average in-district tuition is \$1,113, and the out-of-district is \$1,224.
 - This enhanced with recruiting and advertising will lead to sustainable programming.

Director of Technology - Fred Sharpsteen reported on the following:

- Thanked the technology team for their hard work.
- Reviewed the current list of shared technology services for each district.
 - Crossroads Charter Academy: assisting with the provision of Chromebook distribution for their district.

- Evart Public Schools: Ryan Boochard is helping five days a week. This may move back a bit, depending on the summer workload.
- Reed City Public Schools: Chad Marshall has been working on installing an outdoor access point to help students with access to the internet. They have also been deploying Chromebooks and recovering them.
- Wide Area Network Services (WAN): We have one more year on the Charter Spectrum Consortium services and Internet access. The plan is to continue these shared services.
- Past two years accomplishments:
 - Firewall for security
 - Antivirus for work station security
 - Copier RFP Joint Bid
 - MiSEN State Education Network
 - Skyward Tune-up and this year moving to Windows 2019 Server
- The cost of Chromebook repairs and what is the cause of damages to student computers. Student computer and the percent not returned to districts. There was a discussion regarding this among the Council.
- How to address/help students who have no internet at home. There was a discussion regarding this among the Council.
- Possible future MOP position: Computer Repair Technician

Merit Pay 2020-2021

- No applications were received. LEA MOP employees will receive merit pay based on their evaluation.

Other/Discussion:

Superintendent Locke and the Council discussed the following:

- MOP budget
- Legislators – how to connect to students at home?
- Equal learning opportunities for all students.
- The opportunities and challenges of remote learning.
- LEA Superintendent opportunity for collaboration: everyone is on the same page.
 - Discussed planning to be ready to go for any scenario for fall.
- Enrollment concerns
- COVID Factors
- Budgets for the upcoming school year were discussed, along with the importance of sharing services for cost savings in the upcoming school year. Currently, the budget is a big unknown.
- Possible shared services
- MOP Special Education Supervisor position was discussed. In most LEAs, this is not the primary position.

- Patience Nemeth with distribute an updated MOP position list at the next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary