

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

MOP² MINUTES

April 18, 2019

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 8 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Administration Building, 15760 190th Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

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

Others Present: Mike Miller, Karen Roy, and Patience Nemeth

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

Minutes: Pete Kent made a motion, supported by Sheri Thompson, to approve the minutes from February 21, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

County School Board Meeting: Superintendent Locke reminded the Council about the County School Board Meeting scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Bi-Monthly Supervisors Reports:

Director of CTE – Mike Miller reported the current and upcoming courses being offered through Meceola Tech.: Going PRO Talent Fund-Cargill, Welding, CNA, Corrections, Phlebotomy, CDL Class. Mr. Miller indicated that the Phlebotomy (through Mid Michigan) was scheduled to start in April but was not conducted due to low enrollment and the CDL class A (through Mid Michigan College) is still in the process and details are being worked on. Mr. Miller indicated that Meceola Tech attended the MOISD College Fair hosted by Ferris State University on March 14, 2019, and it was a success in lieu of the snow day. Two districts were unable to attend. Mr. Miller spoke about Career Connect student and their completion of technical training in Culinary Arts; they earned their certifications in ServSafe Manage and ServSafe Allergens.

The Council discussed enrollment concerns and the possibilities of a change in the direction of courses that are being offered. There was also conversation on student responsibilities/dedication and childcare needs in the area. There was a discussion of ways to help inform high school students of their choices about career development, skilled trades, and options as an alternative to or in addition to college.

Director of Special Projects- Karen Roy reported on Evert Reads and the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library, enrollment is at 171. This is a very cost-effective way to get books to children. Ms. Roy discussed Evert Reads; Evert Reads will be transferred to Evert Public Schools. Karen indicated that Feed the Children made a large donation of books, book bags, drawing pads, and backpacks filled with multiple school supplies, which will be distributed to homeless liaisons all across MI.

Director of Technology- Superintendent Locke reviewed the highlights of the report from Director of Technology, Fred Sharpsteen. The MOISD MOP Co-Op support team will help Reed City through their transition as the Director of Technology moves to another position. Brandon Walter will be on site for first level support, and the rest of the support team will help with level two and three support on tickets. Mr. Sharpsteen will help with technology leadership during the transition.

Other/Discussion:

Superintendent Locke shared MOP Co-Op overall operations and budget. He reviewed the best use of MOP Co-Op services; the design is to have shared services in each Co-Op position to help save LEA's money. Mr. Locke reviewed the positions available and suggested the possibility of sharing additional positions that are not currently being shared. There was a discussion among the Council regarding sharing current and future MOP Co-Op positions. The Council requests an updated list of current services and what LEA's are using them. Patience Nemeth will prepare for Superintendent Locke to distribute. A list of potential services available will be distributed as well.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary