

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs) April 15, 2021, at 8 a.m.

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on April 15, 2021, at 8:03 a.m. in the Parsons Room of the Mecosta-Osceola ISD.

Members Present: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Sherry Franklin (Reed City), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), James Swartzendruber (Crossroads)

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

1. **Meeting called to order** at 8:03 a.m. by Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director.
2. **Introduction:** Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director, introduced and welcomed new MOP Council member Sherry Franklin, Representative for Reed City Area Public Schools.
3. **Adopt February 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes**
 - MOP Minutes for February 18, 2021, adopted.
4. **Summer School**
 - Superintendent Locke spoke on Summer School. This program is not technically a MOP item, but he wanted to make sure the Council was aware and informed as the MOISD is hiring staff from the LEA districts. He reviewed the following:
 - The MOISD will hire and facilitate the program.
 - MOISD summer camps will be located at Cranhill and Eagle Village.
 - LEA Districts were each given slots based on the district's size, the LEA's assigned their students to those slots.
 - Camp schedule: June 14, 2021- July 16, 2021, and some supplemental programming attached after.
 - Teacher (\$400/full day, \$200/half day) and Para-educator (\$150/full day, \$75/half day) pay
 - Funding: Grants and ESSER Funds will help pay for this program
 - Cost of the program
 - Each LEA will provide transportation and food.
5. **MOP Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Report**

Superintendent Locke asked Christy Miller, Director of SE, to give an update on Special Education MOP Services. Mrs. Miller reported the following to the Council:

 - Mrs. Miller asked the Council if there were any questions or comments on her portion of the Bi-Monthly Supervisors Report. Ayla Lockhart, Ewart Public School Supervisor, and Cheryl Wright, Big Rapids Public Schools Special Education Supervisor, have been busy,

and coordination of services for our students and staff is excellent.

- We are offering FAPE to county jail inmates who are eligible for special education services. Our first student has been identified, and we are coordinating the process with the Sheriff's Department to provide these services.
- Special Education is looking at options for Education Center Summer programming. This is currently still in the works. Mrs. Miller will update the Council at the next meeting.
- Enrollment:
 - General Enrollment
 - Options for next year: face-to-face and virtual
 - Concerns about virtual enrollment were discussed: available technology, lack of support for students. It is imperative that students receive the appropriate supports.
- Special Education Supervisors are having conversations regarding students with Cognitive Impairments. These students have more needs than typical students but do not necessarily need to attend the Education Center. There are conversations taking place on the best support and services for these students.

Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director of CTE, to give an update on Meceola Tech. Mr. Miller reported the following:

- Meceola Tech- classes currently running: Welding and CNA. Enrollment continues to be a struggle, but all indications are that we will see improvement for both the summer Corrections Academy and our fall classes. Mr. Miller is excited about next year and thinks it could be a record year. Mr. Miller discussed the following opportunities:
 - Central Montcalm – we have begun discussion with the Adult Education Coordinator about their students attending Meceola Tech for CTE classes as they completed their high school diploma or GED.
 - Quest High School – located in Freemont. There has been conversation about expanding their 2021-2022 grant application to increase Mecosta and Osceola Counties opportunities.
 - Fremont Adult Education - Located in MOCC, will expand services to two nights a week next year. This could help recruit students into the CareerConnect Program.
 - Tuition was discussed
 - Training Grants – There are grants through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) to help get tuition for students paid.
 - Adult Education Funding – 107 grant helps pay for advertising. This helps raise awareness and helps connect training with a desirable job opportunity.

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

- MOP technology staff placements- reviewed
 - Chad Marshall: RCAPS - Level I & 2support.
 - Mike Schonert: part-time at RCAPS - network support
 - Brandon Walter: BRPS – Level 1 & 2 support
 - Shawn Traynor: EPS – Level 1 & 2 support
 - Remote learning - This has increased the need for repairs on tech devices, like Chrome Books, throughout the district. We have helped pick up some of the load. We also have a couple of technology management students helping until the end of the year. We need to find help elsewhere once these students are not available. We continue to look at options to help districts get these devices repaired.
 - Cyber Security: is impacting schools. Schools are seeing insurance carriers drop them due to these issues. We are working with LEAs and the MOISD on how we can educate the staff on safe practices.
 - MOP Positions: the Council discussed the need for additional MOP Tech positions, especially as more Tech Administrators/Directors retire.
6. **Other:** The Council discussed the following:
- CDL: is up and running, still working on enrollment.
 - Virtual School Students: ensure that these opportunities have been presented to these students.
 - Virtual learning and the social, emotional gap, the results/outcomes of isolation.
 - MOP employee Merit pay: remind LEA's to nominate eligible employees.

With no further business to discuss, Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director, adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth, Recording Secretary