

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)

August 18, 2022, at 8 a.m.

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

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

Member Absent: James Swartzendruber (Crossroads)

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

2. Establish 2020-2021 MOP² Officers

- a. Director - Sheri Thompson nominated Steve Locke for MOP Director. There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Pete Kent, to appoint Steve Locke as MOP Director. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Recording Secretary- Pete Kent nominated Patience Nemeth as MOP Recording Secretary. There was a motion by Pete Kent, supported by Sheri Thompson, to appoint Patience Nemeth as MOP Recording Secretary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Adopt May 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes** - There was a motion by Sheri Thompson, supported by Gerald Nichols, to adopt the May 19, 2022, MOP Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Set Meeting Dates, Times, and Places-

Meeting dates approved. Patience will update Member Thompson and Member Bongard's contact information and send a revised meeting schedule.

5. **Alternates for MOP-** there were no changes to the current Council alternates.

6. New MOP Co-Op Positions & MOP Co-Op Positions by District

- The Council was given a list of current MOP Co-Op Positions by district.
- Calvin Charania, New Truancy Officer for Osceola County districts. Building SOP with Niki Walcutt. Establishing constancy within all districts. Fred Sharpsteen has assumed truancy supervision.
- LEA Special Education Supervisor Position changes.
 - Last year was the second year for Big Rapids Public Schools. This year, they decided they needed a full-time SE Supervisor and hired Emily Adema. This MOP position will not be provided this coming school year.
 - Jessie Gilding was assigned as SE Supervisor for Ewart Public Schools. However, he has resigned, and Ayla Lockhart, will continue to provide this support for the time being.
 - Reed City Area Public Schools: Pat Craven, SE Supervisor, will provide these services.

- MRYH status: No word as of right now. It is not anticipated that it will open in the near future.
- Christy Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services, reported on the following:
 - LEA & MOISD SE Supervision, Early On, ECSEP, and the Resource Room at Riverview.
 - LEA & MOISD SE Supervisor for Reed City Public Schools is getting up and running. Pat Craven is providing this supervision.
- Open staff positions were discussed. The Council discussed their district struggles.
- Member Kent and Member Bongard discussed buses and issues with car “run arounds”. BRPS and Morley Stanwood are putting cameras on the outside of buses. This will help protect students and bus drivers. There was a discussion among the Council.
- Member Kent discussed school safety happening at BRPS.

Superintendent Locke: Positions, ideas, and goals for the upcoming school year?

- Member Kent: Look at trades: plumbers, heating, and truck drivers for MOP Meceola Tech.
- MI Works Opportunities: there are funds available. Contact Gretchen Spedowske, Assistant Superintendent of CTE, for contact information.
- Member Franklin: How does information get to the students or teachers? Do they hear from us?
 - Mrs. Spedowske explained that instructors would go to LEAs this year to visit classrooms and talk directly to students. This will help get the message to students about how these courses align with classes. Instructors will also speak about MOCC and Meceola Tech.
 - She also routinely meets with Advisory Boards to determine what the needs are.
- Member Kent suggested daily financial training for students.
- Member Franklin: Suggests the MOISD focus on the MOSAIC schools and talk directly to the students.
 - Wendy Chupp does this. Visits will be made before enrollment in January.
- Member Bongard: Suggests having conversations earlier with students when they are younger (10-13 yrs. old), starting when a student enters middle school.
- Summer Camps were excellent and were a huge success. Offer more!
- Make students aware of the options available.
- Member Bongard: What/who are some community partners we can form partnerships with? Besides schools. CMH has employment programs as well. Make a connection with them.
- Member Franklin: Strategic planning in RCAPS. May ask for help from the MOISD for work support.
- Member Kent: Focus on kids/students who are not attending college and don't plan to go.
- Mrs. Spedowske is in talks with FSU for HVAC.
- Current society needs motivation. How about offering on-the-job training or a certificate of training for skills learned?
- There is a need for general labor suppliers: tile and carpet installers.
- Transportation is an issue in these rural areas. The MOISD has offered dial-a-ride tokens to potential students.

EDP Educational Development Plan: talk to your superintendents.

- Superintendent Locke encouraged the council member to talk to their superintendents about this plan.
- Mrs. Spedowske: talked about enrollment numbers, they are up for this coming school year.

- MI Career Development Model starts in kindergarten.
- MOCC camps began in 3rd grade last year. We are looking at starting at a younger age.

Superintendent Locke asked the Council for ideas of positions outside of what we are already doing.

- Bus drivers – Bus driver training, possibly a fleet of drivers. The MOISD offers drivers benefits, but not all districts do.
- Building partnerships with local districts.
 - MOP sharing
 - Business services
- Think about services that may be needed and share out. Maximize resources.
- Bring LEA board members to a MOP meeting for exposure to what services we provide.
- The Council will report at Board meetings regarding the MOP. This will be a good reminder to our Boards of the benefits of the MOP program.

8. Other:

- The Council discussed open Board member positions at the LEAs.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary