

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)

February 18, 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 February 18, 2020, at 8 a.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Gerald Nichols (Ewart), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), James Swartzendruber (Crossroads), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Sherry Franklin (Reed City), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills)

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

1. **Meeting called to Order** at 8 a.m. by Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director.
2. **Adopt December 17, 2020, Meeting Minutes**
 - MOP Minutes for December 17, 2020, unanimously adopted.
3. **New MOP Co-Op Computer Technician, Level 1 – Shawn Traynor**
 - Full-time Level I at Ewart Public Schools.
4. **New MOP Co-Op Computer Technician – James Canham (part-time)**
 - Part-time at the LEAs and the MOISD on data governance projects and training.
5. **MOP Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Report**

Superintendent Locke asked Mike Miller, Director of CTE, to give an update on Meceola Tech.

 - **Meceola Tech-** Classes running this semester: Welding and EMT. Welding has six students, and EMT has seven students. Enrollment continues to be a struggle, but we have a few promising opportunities. Mr. Miller discussed the following opportunities:
 - **Department of Health and Human Services** - Has funding for students who have aged out of the system and need job training. We may get students from this program.
 - **Offender Success program** - This program is for Individuals who have made some mistakes but are part of a program to help rehabilitate them and give them the tools needed to succeed in the community and the opportunity to utilize those tools to be productive, self-sufficient citizens. ICHATS will be conducted to decide appropriate safety measures.
 - **Fremont Adult Education** - Located in MOCC again, satellite location on Wednesday nights. This could help recruit students into the Career Connect Program.
 - **Michigan Reconnect Program** - This program will help pay the tuition or training costs for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college. The program also offers skills scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition

- **Tuition** - Superintendent Locke inquired if Mr. Miller thought tuition cost is a contributing factor hindering locals from participating. Mr. Miller indicated he does not think it is a factor.
- **Truck Driving Academy** - Has launched, and there was some discussion among the Council.

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:

- **Ayla Lockhart, Special Education Supervisor in Evert**- Among other things, she is working a lot with discipline, which is very complicated when working with Special Education. She is working with the administration on the coaching and discipline process. The administration is focusing on getting involved early. She has helped coordinate and obtain behavioral intervention books to begin behavior intervention team planning at the Elementary Level. She reviews and reminds Evert staff of updates of CLPs and instructional logs for compliance and evidence of FAPE.
- **Cheryl Wright, Special Education Supervisor in Big Rapids** – We are wrapping up our B-13 Secondary Transitions from earlier this year. There are currently no other actions required. She has had a few hot-button issues she has been dealing with. She has provided professional development on MDRs to the BRMS special education staff. She continues to provide guidance for and participates in evaluations and IEPs for students with unique circumstances

Superintendent Locke discussed the following:

- The Special Education Supervisors are MOP employees and are new to the MOP this year. Establishing relationships and trust takes time. Because these are new positions and processes, releasing these responsibilities was a concern. There were questions regarding districts accepting them as part of their district. We have found that districts are accepting these positions, and all is going well.

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

- **MOP technology staff placements**
 - Chad Marshall: full-time at RCAPS as Level I and II Technology Support.
 - Mike Schonert: part-time at RCAPS four hours a week as Level III and Network Engineering and Security.
 - Brandon Walter: full-time at BRPS as Level I and II Technology Support
 - Zeke Holly: part-time Level I moving to the MOISD campus
 - Shawn Traynor: full-time Level I at EPS.
 - Jim Canham: part-time at the LEAs and the MOISD on data governance projects and training.
- **Remote learning** - Districts are moving to use Chrome books and various technology devices. There is an increased need for repairs on these devices, so we are looking at options to help districts get these devices repaired.

6. Other: The Council discussed the following:

- **MOP Services** - The previous focus was on building business services to help districts save costs. We are finding that MOP services are better utilized for technology and instructional support through the MOP.
- **Summer school** – This is a very preliminary discussion. Superintendent Locke discussed this program and the possibility of a MOP Project Coordinator that could help build a foundation. Hopefully will have more information at the next MOP meeting. The Council thought this was an outstanding idea.

- **Board Communication:** Member Thompson- reported on the new MOISD method to increase Board Communication.
- **Share Programs:** Member Swartzendruber inquired about supervisors sharing programs provided in other districts that are benefiting students. He thinks other districts may also be interested in offering.

With no further business to discuss, Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director, adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth, Recording Secretary