

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

MOP² MINUTES

October 18, 2018

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, 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), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Kim Venema (Crossroads), Jessie Kailing (Reed City)

Others Present: Mike Miller and Patience Nemeth

MOISD Superintendent Steve Locke called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Minutes – Sheri Thompson made a motion, supported by Pete Kent, to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisors' Reports –

Director of CTE – Mike Miller reported on the Going PRO Talent Fund. Mr. Miller reviewed the application process. He discussed current and future courses being offered at Meceola Tech. and Career Connect. Mr. Miller reported on receiving more information on truck driving and truck driving school, possible new opportunities in phlebotomy training for health care students. He discussed enrollment concerns. Superintendent Locke discussed finding the right courses to offer and getting people interested in the program. Sheri Thompson expressed concern that maybe there was some public confusion of the options that are available. Superintendent Locke indicates we will continue to push forward with Meceola Tech.

Bi-Monthly Supervisors Reports-

Superintendent Lock reviewed the below highlights of the supervisor reports. Director of Special Projects, Karen Roy, reported that Jenny Rounds is in her last year of the MOP CO-OP funded program and discussed the plan to transition the Ewart Reads Program to Ewart Public School. Mr. Locke reported that Tech Director, Fred Sharpsteen, went to Washington DC to share with the FCC Commissioner about the school's potential involvement in Broad Band and fiber connections in rural areas. Mr. Sharpsteen shared with the FCC Commissioner that we can do this part and do it well.

There was discussion regarding Jesse Jones, leaving Crossroads to go to the Chippewa Hills School district. Crossroads is in need of tech coverage; they asked the MOP CO-OP technology team to help them with their technology needs while they post for a replacement. Rose Kipfmiller will help with technology needs at this time.

MOP CO-OP and Maintenance for Reed City – New Employee- Robert Longberry

Superintendent Locke discussed the best usage of employees hired through the MOP Co-Op program. He indicated that Jason Woods had left his position at Reed City. Reed City was initially not going to replace him through the MOP CO-OP but did end up asking for assistance to cover the position. Mr. Robert Longberry was hired for Reed City Public Schools through the MOP Program with the intention that he will transition to Reed City payroll next year.

MOP Summary

Superintendent Locke shared that there was a discussion of a shared Technology Director among the districts, there was limited appetite for that at this time. Superintendent Locke indicated that Jessica Ross in the Business Office works directly for Big Rapids Public Schools and there is the possibility of adding some Big Rapids Public Schools HR and accounts payable people; this may be able to be shared.

Other/Discussion:

Superintendent Locke discussed Dr. Sloane and the Pilot Program; this program is currently a work in progress. Dr. Sloane is a trauma therapist; the goal is to help support students who have trauma or have experienced trauma. Location of this program is still to be determined. There will be more School Social Workers, shared services, and the involvement of community services. Sheri Thompson indicated that Mecosta and Barryton are offering extra rooms to County Social Services to provide additional Social Work services.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary