

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

MOP² MINUTES

December 21, 2017

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 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), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Pete Kent (Big Rapids), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Representatives for Crossroads, Ewart and Reed City

Others Present: Linda Ward and Mary Ann Mendenhall

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

Steve Locke has been selected as the new MOISD Superintendent, so a motion was needed to appoint him as the new 2017-18 MOP² Director. Motion by Pete Kent and supported by Sherry Anderson to appoint Mr. Locke as the MOP² Director. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes - Sheri Thompson made a motion, supported by Sherry Anderson, to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Reports – Superintendent Locke reviewed the highlights and asked if there were any questions. He reported that he had offered Directors Roy and Sharpsteen an opportunity to share information with the group in person.

Merit Pay – Proposals for merit pay are due by March 15. Superintendent Locke will email MOP supervisors to remind them about merit pay and send the form to them as well.

Reed City Mechanic – Mr. Locke reported that interviews will be held tomorrow for the Reed City MOP mechanic. This will be the third MOP person for Reed City.

Meceola Tech – Superintendent Locke introduced Linda Ward and explained her role with Meceola Tech. He invited Ms. Ward so she could talk with the group about Career Connect. She explained that Career Connect is grant funded and allows students who are completing their GED to attend Meceola Tech for free. Upon completing the program, they can get certifications from the technical training they received at Meceola Tech. We

have a partnership with Michigan Works! and Adult Education in Ewart, Adult Education in Fremont (which provides service to Big Rapids and Reed City) and Mason Lake Adult Ed in Baldwin. In order to attend Meceola Tech, students have to be in their last year of earning their diploma. Ms. Ward informed the Council that there will be a welding course and an automotive electrical course offered in January. There is a waiting list for CNA. We are hoping to get approval from the state so it can be offered in February or March. We would also like to offer information technology if we find an instructor. EMT Specialist certification will also be offered in the future. Fire I and II are going on right now. Career Connect students will also go through a training with Michigan Works! to learn how to go about getting a job, how to put together a resume, etc. A Meceola Tech Student Supports Coordinator position was created to help students with any barriers they face and to work with business and industry.

A question was asked about funding for Adult Ed. Mr. Locke explained that funding for Adult Ed was diminished, but since there are fewer schools, the pot of money is shared by those schools still having Adult Ed. You don't have to be a resident of the city that offers Adult Ed in order to participate. He also said that we are able to provide some help with transportation for those students who don't have access to a vehicle. There is grant money earmarked for marketing to promote Career Connect. He explained that you will see billboards going up, but no money is coming from K-12 dollars—it's totally grant funded.

Students will be connected with community services for support after they are done with our program. Meceola Tech is trying to be responsive to what the community wants. We are trying to connect with people within a 60-mile radius.

A question was asked regarding who is on the advisory committees. Mr. Locke will have a list put together showing all the advisory committee members.

Council member Pete Kent then congratulated Mr. Locke on being selected MOISD Superintendent.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Ann Mendenhall
Recording Secretary