

MOP² Agenda

(Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and CTC Programs)

December 17, 2020, at 8 a.m.

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on **December 17, 2020**, at 8 a.m. virtually via MHHS orders.

Members Present: Sheri Thompson (Mecosta Osceola ISD), Gerald Nichols (Evert), Lisa Brauher (Morley Stanwood), Christine Mund (Reed City)-via Zoom, James Swartzendruber (Crossroads), and Steve Locke (MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director).

Members Absent: Pete Kent (Big Rapids), Sherry Anderson (Chippewa Hills)

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 8:00 a.m. by Steve Locke, MOISD Superintendent/MOP Co-Op Director.
2. **Adopt October 15, 2020, Meeting Minutes**
There was a motion by Member Nichols, supported by Member Thompson, to adopt the October 15, 2020, MOP Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **MOP Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Report**
Superintendent Locke asked **Mike Miller, Director of CTE**, to give an update on Meceola Tech.
 - Meceola Tech:
 - Enrollment is light.
 - CNA class just finished: we struggled to find CNA clinical instructions sites due to COVID. The state has relaxed some of the restrictions where clinicals can take place. CNA written and hands-on tests have taken place.
 - January classes: Welding and EMT will definitely run. Each class currently has nine students enrolled. Most welding students have been community members wanting to enhance their skills and start a new career.
 - The MOISD has hired a previous welding student, Jayna Wekenman, working for the MOISD as a welding parapro.
 - Marketing – continue via Facebook, billboards, and radio.

Superintendent Locke asked **Christy Miller, Director of SE**, to give an update:

- Mrs. Miller reported to the Council on the MOP Special Education Supervisor positions.
- Projects Highlighted: Ayla Lockhart, working on getting a more consistent process for students coming into the ECSEP program. Evert is a partnership (RC & EV students attend. Processes on placing students: Local ECSEP or MOISD ECSEP
- Cheryl Wright: is working on student considerations and the process of how districts go through when they believe they need an ISD program or a more restrictive program. Cheryl also acts as a district representative at the Big Rapids ECSE program.

Superintendent Locke explained that the MOISD has helped support Reed City Public Schools since Ayla has become a SE Supervisor for the MOISD. Pat Craven, Special Education Supervisor, has been working with Reed City Admin and teachers to help fill in the gaps.

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

- Remote instruction
- Distributing Technology

- Connectivity challenges
- FSU and Spectrum Collaboration-
- Moonshot Project
- MOP Co-Op Placements – Zeke is helping with support Evart Public Schools MOP- Mike Schonert will be doing some network support services one day a week at Reed City Area Public Schools
- Workforce development- lack of applicants for technology services
- MOTech Meeting: there was a discussion on collaborative services and how that would look. This entails a lot of trust and relationship building.
- Chromebook repair: as we move to remote learning, schools are seeing a fair number of repairs. There was a discussion regarding having a MOP repair tech.
- MIConnect- Total funding for the MOISD area was \$148,361.00 to help close the learning gap. We are in the final stages of this grant; most districts have put out purchase orders and will have applications for reimbursements by mid-January.
- Cybersecurity: a lot of activity in the last few months.
- MiSEN- MI state education network, connects the 56 ISD across MI. Phase II will connect the local school districts. Identified COOR ISD and MOISD to be part of Phase II. Cost to school districts may be minimal. ERate money will not help close the gap to the home and increasing connection to students at home.
- Internet gap: we continue to work with FSU and Merit to address getting internet connection to more homes.

5. Other: The Council discussed the following:

- Superintendent Locke discussed specialization within the Tech departments and consolidation across the ISD. Current people employed in LEA's work hard and are really good. Barriers: Districts question cost-effectiveness due to what employees are currently doing.
- Do Council members hear any needs related to the MOP? There was some discussion.
- MOISD Board Communication- Member Thompson discussed the Departmental Updates and personal communication sent to LEA Boards. Thoughts? Most Board members indicated that they glance at it.
 - The MOISD is trying to communicate the message that we are here as a service agency and are here for the LEA's.
 - The focus is to increase communication between LEA Boards by finding ways to communicate, collaborate, and work together.
 - The MOISD is interested in what is happening in local districts as well.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth, Recording Secretary