

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

MOP² MINUTES

August 16, 2018

A meeting of the Mecosta-Osceola Personnel Cooperative and Meceola Tech Programs Advisory Council (MOP Co-Op) was held on Thursday, August 16, 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: Representatives for Crossroads and Reed City

Others Present: Kayla Hammermeister and Patience Nemeth

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

Establish 2018-2019 MOP² Officers –

Pete Kent nominated Steve Locke to be the MOP Director. Sheri Thompson supported. No other nominations were made. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Sherry Anderson nominated Patience Nemeth for Recording Secretary for the MOP, supported by Sheri Thompson. No other nominations were made. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes – Pete Kent made a motion, supported by Sherry Anderson, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting Dates, Times, and Places - Sheri Thompson made the motion to accept the yearly meeting dates and times as presented, supported by Pete Kent. No other discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Alternates for MOP – There was discussion regarding alternates for MOP, all districts have specified alternates except Morley Stanwood and Reed City. Mr. Locke will contact Morley Stanwood and Reed City and discuss alternates.

Bi-Monthly Supervisors' Reports – Superintendent Locke reviewed highlights from the report.

Director of Special Projects Report – Karen Roy reported on Ewart Reads and coordinator, Jenny Rounds MOP Co-Op Early Literacy. Jenny is beginning the third and

final year of work on this project. Jenny participated in National Night Out, which was a success, with 800 people coming out for this event. It promoted Imagination Library, recruited volunteers for mentor readers, and free books were passed out to kids. This involved collaboration with MOISD, Ewart Public Schools, and the City of Ewart

Book Walk Events are being held in collaboration with SLD Read, MSU Extension, Spectrum Health, and the Farmers Market. Book Walk Opportunities will be held in the region each trimester so there will be a minimum of 12 events and four different books over the year. She invites MOP members to stop the Farmers Market this Friday, August 18, 2018, for one of the scheduled book walks, to see the great collaborations with community agencies and schools

The latest Storywalk was in downtown Ewart on August 11, 2018.

Director of Technology Report – Fred Sharpsteen reported on Ryan Draves, a MOP Co-Op intern, was hired for development and refreshing the MOISD website, which will be activated on September 13, 2018. He reported on the Community Broadband Network and the continued work with the Mid-Michigan Library League. Direct Savings could be used to help purchase books and would help further eliminate the homework learning gap.

MCAN (Michigan Consortium for Advance Networks) and MiSEN (Internet Services from Merit). The mission is to further enhance the educational, instructional experience of our students by increasing access to Broadband in rural communities. They are looking at putting out a bid proposal when the E-Rate process opens. We have done pre-project planning by looking at the available fiber in the community to see how we can help reduce the cost of building a system.

He reported on collaboration with St. Peter's School and Muskegon River Youth Home. Major MOP projects for the month: Skyward Data Hubs, School Messenger Integration, and Website Refresh Re-design.

Meceola Tech Report– Linda Ward reported on the First Mecosta and Osceola Apprenticeship day. The following companies have committed to using Meceola Tech for training: Cargill, Original Footwear, and KMK Machining. 107 Pilot Update and Meceola Tech participation in the "Wrap-Up" for the 107 Pilot in Lansing on August 1, 2018. The following programs will be starting at Meceola Tech on September 5, 2018: Fundamentals of Stick Welding, Automotive Electrical Systems, Computer Numerical Control, and Emergency Medical Technician.

MOP Co-Op members by District - Each member was given a MOP Co-Op Members by District Report that was updated as of July 24, 2018.

Discussion:

There was a group discussion regarding job placement/retention of Meceola Tech students, Mr. Locke indicates we are currently tracking six months- one year out. There was a discussion on the Adult Ed program, the shortage of skilled workers, and students coming out of High School unsure of future plans and career path. Truck driving opportunities, training, and limitations were discussed.

There was a discussion regarding a Technology Director Opening at Chippewa Hills School and the possibility of MOP Co-Op benefits and cost savings. Discussion included ideas such as having a Technology Director and some Lieutenants throughout the districts in the future. This may be discussed with other local Superintendents.

Mr. Locke gave members a handout regarding Michigan's governor's race, Whitmer vs. Schuette. Where they stand on education, indicating it was an informative read.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patience Nemeth
Recording Secretary