

MAASE General Membership Meeting MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (10:30- Dawn Bentley, President)

I. Approval of Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes

- A. October 8, 2014, General Membership Meeting Agenda (Dawn Bentley, President)
 - 1. Motion: Dave Manson
 - 2. Second: Andy Claes
 - a) Motion Passed

- B. June 11, 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Motion: Rugg Dozzi
 - 2. Second: Donna Jones
 - a) Motion Passed

II. Board of Directors Reports/Announcements

- A. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Dawn Bentley): BoD approved 2 new procedures
 - create agreement on positions - 80% of BoD in attendance to approve
 - prof learning registration procedures - 7 day prior to cancel, pay past due balances
 - strategic plan
 - annual financial review happening soon

- B. Bylaws/Procedures Committee (Donna Jones):
 - 1. Committee is working on updating the Board of Directors Procedures for how MAASE operates
 - 2. Second Reading of the Bylaws:
 - a) Motion: John Bretschneider
 - b) Second: Rugg Dozzi
 - (1) Motion passed

- C. Legislative Action Committee (Carolyn Smith--Gerdes):
 - 1. MCEE work group recommendations came to the LAC yesterday
 - 2. Critical shortage- Mike Flanagan spoke about
 - 3. Michigan Legislative Action Day- tentatively planned for November 13, 2014

- D. Professional Learning Steering Committee (Carolyn Smith--Gerdes):
 - 1. Karen Rockhold worked with this group on best practices for professional learning and how to embed those in our professional learning offerings

- E. Association Partnership Committee (Jennifer Scott--Burton):
 - 1. MASSP has asked for a partnership with MAASE on some mental health items
 - 2. Possible partnerships: Michigan Alliance for Families, MASA and MAISA

III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Finance & Legislation (Rachel Fuerer):
 - 1. Discussion re: recent legislation for scripts for PT- scripts are still required for Medicaid billing, so our procedures will most likely remain the same
 - 2. Looking at reaching out intentionally to our legislators, especially during lame duck session

- B. Membership Services (Eve Mills):
 - 1. Introduced new members
 - 2. December Charity Auction- groups bring in a wrapped gift for the silent auction; proceeds go to the Grand Prize winner's charity

- C. MAASE Mini-Grants (Dave Manson):
 - 1. Friday, December 12th is the due date for applying for mini grants.
 - 2. Applications will be posted under the News section-
 - 3. Friday, January 23rd is the date notifications are mailed to the recipients
 - 4. Contact Dave Manson to be a reader

IV. MAASE Professional Learning Committee Reports

- A. Tuesday Professional Learning (Katy Holverstott):
 - 1. Name change to professional learning!
 - 2. Committee met yesterday to confirm the lineup for December:
 - a) Dr. Nancy Colflesh re: Gender & Generational Differences in Educational Leadership
 - b) Nancy Rotarius & Sheryl Diamond re: new MARSE Rules package
- B. MAASE Developing Leaders (Abby Allen):
 - 1. Presented at Spotlight- no additional updates at this time.
- C. Summer Institute (Carrie Darling):
 - 1. Reviewed survey results- very positive
 - 2. Please send ideas for keynote speakers to SI Committee
 - 3. Proposal applications will be online before we know it!
- D. Winter Institute (Janis Weckstein):
 - 1. Dates are Monday - Wednesday, February 2-3 (Monday am is MDE presenting legal updates; rest is legal updates)

V. Project Reports

- A. Pre-school LRE (Deanne Strudwick):
 - 1. 266 responses to survey that was sent regarding EC LRE- first round of data analysis is complete
 - 2. On target to complete their project on time

VI. Communities of Practice

- A. Early Childhood Administrators (Stephanie Peters):
 - 1. Sheldon & Rush- presenters yesterday re: Primary Service Provider Model were amazing
 - 2. Discussed arising challenges with ABA Autism Insurance Benefit, GSRP, and LRE
- B. ASD Program Administrators (Diane Heinzelman):
 - 1. Looking at inappropriate referrals from agencies wanting ASD Evaluations
 - 2. Identifying components of quality programming for children with ASD (talking points for staff to use with parents about the value of the educational programming)
 - 3. Will be working to get the approved list of BCBA providers
 - 4. Considering BCBA providers and how WE define their roles in the schools (vs. them defining it)
- C. Urban Special Education Administrators (Jacqueline McDougal):
 - 1. Mental health- talking about how to streamline our services with CMH in partnership
 - 2. Virtual schools- do we have an obligation for students with IEPs
 - 3. Increase in gang violence- working to possibly pull together a conference on restorative practices geared towards principals to decrease suspension/expulsion
 - 4. CEIS Funds- looking at whether there are effective programs for decreasing students in special education or just using funds to spend them because we have to
- D. Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs (Tina Lawson):
 - 1. John Jaquith spoke about the DLM- assessments measure the EGLCEs and EHSCEs;
 - 2. Stay tuned on the direction for alternative assessments
 - 3. SLIP Conference- January 15-16- current call for presenters (due by November 14th)- form is on the website- Day 1 is focused transition at center-based programs; Day 2 is about conflict resolution, curriculum, statewide assessments, and more!
- E. Planner-Monitors (Connie Cullip):
 - 1. Minutes are online- check them out!
- F. D/HH Program Administrators (Trish Lopucki):
 - 1. Looking at how to disseminate information to support the field
 - 2. Interpreter rules- not showing up on the critical shortage list; will be writing a good faith letter

- G. EI & Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators (Kristy Bonter):
 1. Guest speaker at December lunch for guidance re: their fund usage
 2. Shared resources, successful strategies, mental health transitions back to school
- H. Secondary Transition Administrators (Cynthia Patton--Johnson):
 1. Cynthia Wright presented yesterday from MRS- July 2014 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act that will increase services for our young adults, and to get them employed earlier to ensure college and career tech readiness- youth are not getting as many jobs because adults have them

VII. Organizations, Work Groups I& MAASE Appointee Reports

- A. SEAC (Janis Weckstein):
 1. SEAC has 3 committees- Finance, Policy and Credentialing
 2. Loss of Celena Barnes, an at-large member; huge loss to the disability advocacy community
- B. CASE (Jennifer Scott--Burton):
 1. Summer Institute support- thank you!
 2. Reinventing special education
 3. Consider the national CASE conference in Texas
 4. CASE is asking members to weigh in on leadership preparation programs- use your voice!
- C. Michigan CEC (Laurie Jepsen):
 1. Fall mailing is coming out- all special education staff members will receive one in the mail in the next few weeks, so watch for it!
 2. March conference: Keynoters Dr. Anita Archer (sponsored by MAASE!) on explicit instruction and Temple Grandin
 3. Call for presentations- please encourage staff to submit proposals for the cool things they are doing! Application is online
 4. Awards! Make your nominations now!
- D. Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (Sondra Stegenga):
 1. State Systemic Improvement Process- technical assistance- lots of documentation on the website
 2. Reviewed SPP targets
 3. Presentation about early identification in Saginaw County
 4. Feeding subcommittee- watch for an email from Sondra to help support needs in the field
 5. Personnel standards for Early On are out- changes for those doing evaluations
 6. Modules will be required for staff to complete if they are working in Early On
 7. Office of the Auditor General Report- making progress on this; desk audits; completed
 8. 2015 MICC meetings posted online- public comment is welcome, as is sharing!
- E. Division of Accountability Services (DAS) Advisory Committee (Abby Allen):
 1. Committee hasn't No report at this time.
- F. DAS – Assessing Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee (Lance Siegwald):
 1. Committee hasn't met yet- so no report at this time.
- G. MASA Systemic School Reform Committee (Dawn Bentley)
 1. Heard from Ontario Schools
- H. MAISA Early Childhood Committee (Kathy Fortino)
 1. Brought the Comparison Document for Birth Mandate States to share
 2. MAASE is working on recommendations from that work to bring back to MAISA
 3. Tami Mannes- Chair of 0-3 Subcommittee- working to increase funding for Early On
- I. MASA Legislative Committee (Jennifer Scott-Burton/Carolyn Smith-Gerdes)
 1. No report at this time.

VIII. Informational Items

- A. Membership Recognition (Donna Jones)
- B. Office of School Improvement/OSE Conference registration is on the MIEM website and is live

IX. Adjourned at 11:45