



# General Membership Meeting

December 9, 2014

Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel

## MINUTES

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

### I. **Approval of Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

A. December 9, 2014, General Membership Meeting Agenda (Dawn Bentley, President)

1. Motion: Dave Manson
2. Second: Andy Claes
  - a) Motion Passed

B. October 8, 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes (Dawn Bentley, President)

1. Motion: Dave Manson
2. Second: Andy Claes
  - a) Motion Passed

### II. **Board of Directors Reports/Announcements**

A. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Dawn Bentley):

Normally strategic planning is done in July, but with organizational changes, the retreat was held with the Board on Sunday night and all day on Monday with the entire Leadership Team. The Board spent time in financial training to ensure Board members are protecting the fiduciary interests of the association. Financial controls have been implemented to ensure the organization's investments are protected.

B. Leadership Team looked at the current and future needs of MAASE. The Team looked at all aspects of the organization and how all the pieces connect and communicate. The Leadership Team will engage in survey work and requests membership to respond. Will be looking at 3 areas to tweak Strategic Plan:

- 1) Professional Learning
- 2) Association Partnerships
- 3) Legislative Action Committee

C. Bylaws/Procedures Committee (Donna Jones):

1. Working on updating the Board of Directors Procedures for how MAASE operates.
2. Defining the guiding principles of MAASE.

D. Legislative Action Committee (Carolyn Smith--Gerdes):

1. Worked on 3rd Grade Retention HB 5111. Reviewing that and making possible revisions
2. Reviewed Legislative platforms and priorities
3. Critical shortage survey in February

4. IDEA Reauthorization
5. JCAR Hearing this week

E. Professional Learning Steering Committee (Carolyn Smith--Gerdes):

1. Will be meeting in early 2015

F. Association Partnership Committee (Jennifer Scott--Burton):

1. 1-year anniversary of being a committee. Identified key groups to work with, established partnerships, and are working to formalize those partnerships
2. Strategic Plan - how the CoPs and committees can work together and bridge communication gaps
3. Move the work from people-dependent to process-driven
4. Formalized partnership with Michigan Association of School Psychologists. What .... how...
5. Creating agreements with IDEA Partnerships -- what does it mean and how does it connect to our work

**III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Finance & Legislation (Rachel Fuerer):

1. New uniform grant guidance for all grants beginning July 1.
2. Risk assessment for sub-recipients annually required by ISDs that receive federal funds.
3. 3rd grade retention HB 5111 - MAASE does have a position that it is opposed as it currently stands.
4. Educator Evaluation Bill - MAASE opposes use of Goals as a student growth measure
5. email Senator P. George regarding JCAR

B. Membership Services (Eve Mills):

1. Introduced new members
2. Holiday Auction needed to be cancelled due to lack of raffle license (new financial controls from BOD).

C. MAASE Mini--Grants (Kim Samelstad & Ellen Winters):

1. Created to provide support to programs for creativity and innovation.
2. 10 \$500 mini grants awarded each year.
3. As of Friday only 25 mini-grants received. Now at 50.
4. Due this Friday, December 12, 2014

**IV. MAASE Professional Learning Committee Reports**

A. Tuesday Professional Learning (Katy Holverstott/ John B reporting):

1. Introduced new members
2. Name change to professional learning!
3. Meeting after Feb. 4 PD
4. Lineup for April: George Batsch- SLD eligibility using RTI

B. MAASE Developing Leaders (Abby Allen):

1. Over 60 attended, Positive feedback overwhelming
2. Welcome ANYBODY! New, experienced, and in between.
3. 2 new committee members, welcome more.

4. Added spotlight session, in addition to EdCamp format
  5. Session Topics for December included: Documenting accommodations,, LRE continuum, Ancillary Staff in MTSS model, OHI overidentification, discipline
  6. February session scheduled for Wed afternoon, but may be rescheduled based on feedback.
  7. Social Event will be added following Edcamp to support/encourage networking.
  8. Twitter #MAASElearns has all of the resources during the workgroups. Notes and pictures will be put on the MAASE wiki as well.
  9. Oakland ISD TA bulletin on Assessments is posted to the wiki.
- C. Summer Institute (Sue Pearson/Carrie Darling):
1. Please send ideas for keynote speakers to SI Committee
  2. 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. Examines barriers around providing SE in typical preschools.
  2. Sent surveys out to various Early Childhood listservs with good response. Good qualitative and quantitative data. Current analyzing and will have report to BOD by April.

## VI. Communities of Practice

- A. Early Childhood Administrators (Stephanie Peters/ Sondra Stegenga reporting):
1. Aurora room 12:30 - 2:30pm today.
  2. Essentials of Early On coming wit modules, need to be implemented within one year
  3. Collaborating with other EC communities, including Part C MMSE.
- B. ASD Program Administrators (Diane Heinzelman):
1. See handout provided with survey information from ISD director School and Autism Insurance Benefit
  2. Looking for actual count without duplicating students.
  3. ISD directors asked to collect information from all local districts
- C. Urban Special Education Administrators (Jacqueline McDougal):
1. Meet Tuesday Mornings at 7:15am
  2. Focus on significant disproportionality and Top to Bottom (bottom 30%)
  3. Will be inviting ISD directors of locals that are in the bottom 30 to next meeting
- D. Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs (Tina Lawson):
1. SLIP Conference- January 15-16- 1/15 is focused transition at center-based programs; 1/16 is about conflict resolution, curriculum, statewide assessments (DAS), supported employment, school improvement and more!
  2. Site visit in November in Oakland, March will be in Muskegon

3. Discussion regarding WIDA and how it impacts our students
- E. Planner-Monitors (Connie Cullip/ Michelle W.):
1. Monitors conference in Mackinaw City in May, 2015
  2. Q and A session with Jean regarding CIMS update and B-13 checklist
  3. No timely IEPs will be in December workbook, may be in April. Need to analyze data to see if it is correct (over 700).
  4. Focused monitoring letters will not be in Dec. workbook, coming in January.
  5. CIMS information often goes to ISD director and not to Monitors. Please pass along.
- F. D/HH Program Administrators (Trish Lopucki):
1. Will work on Strategic Planning (1/2 day) in February to see what the needs are in Michigan.
- G. EI & Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators (Mike Marinello):
1. Lee Graft Title 1B will come to group in February or April to discuss
- H. Secondary Transition Administrators (June Gothberg):
1. Meet on Tuesdays - which competes with other groups
  2. Work will be aligned with 3 target areas
  3. New co-chair- Cathy Schmidt

## VII. **Organizations, Work Groups I& MAASE Appointee Reports**

- A. SEAC (Sara Park):
1. SEAC is in need of defined at-large members. Please reach out to parents of SWDs or individuals with disabilities in your area! Of particular interest: males, individuals from the UP, and persons of color.
- B. CASE (Jennifer Scott--Burton):
1. Board of Directors meeting in Texas
  2. National CEC Convention- April 8-11 in San Diego- CASE Night will be at San Diego Zoo!
  3. 9/24-9/27/2015 Joint CASE-NASDSE Conference in Milwaukee
- C. Michigan CEC (Laurie Jefsen):
1. March 4-6, 2015 Conference: Keynoters Dr. Anita Archer (sponsored by MAASE!) on explicit instruction and Temple Grandin
  2. Shared information about offerings at the MCEC March Conference; just finished the planning for the workshops and are pleased to offer a number of strands, including those focused on diversity;
  3. Please share the MCEC Conference Flyer with staff members;
- D. Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (Sondra Stegenga):
1. Looking at funding and Early On (Early On only funding at 1/19th of other states).
  2. Feeding Ad Hoc - two studies gathering input from providers and parents. Administrator survey coming soon.
  3. Approved APP for 2, 3, 4
  4. Next meeting Jan 24th at MDE

- E. Division of Accountability Services (DAS) Advisory Committee (Abby Allen):
  - 1. Committee has 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.
  - 2. Lance collected feedback on new draft of assessment accommodations manual to share with committee. If you want to add feedback email Lance at Ingham ISD (due Friday)
  - 3. Moving to essential elements as a state, assessment to be determined
  
- G. MASA Systemic School Reform Committee (Dawn Bentley)
  - 1. Dave Mason and Dawn Bentley are the MAASE liaisons to this committee;
  - 2. The committee is composed of educational stakeholders from across the state;
  - 3. Dawn highlighted the three areas of study developed by the committee;
  - 4. The committee has asked for commitment of organizations, including MAASE, to invest in this study; the MAASE BoD has confirmed our participation;
  - 5. Dave noted that it's great for MAASE to be at the table sharing with partner organizations;
  - 6. Part of MAASE's participation in this project is to continue to help the committee keep the needs of students with IEPs in mind when working on restructuring.
  
- H. MAISA Early Childhood Committee (Kathy Fortino)
  - 1. The MAISA EC Committee has supported a goal of increasing funding for Early On;
  - 2. Kathy has shared MAASE's work on EO funding with the committee.
  
- I. MASA Legislative Committee (Jennifer Scott--Burton/Carolyn Smith--Gerdes)
  - 1. No report at this time.

VIII. **Informational Items**

- A. Membership Recognition (Donna Jones) - not done as Batten is taking the place of this portion of the meeting.

IX. **Murray O. "Bud" Batten Humanitarian Award Presentation (Dave Manson)**

Eric Hoppstock is the 2015 recipient!

X. **Adjourned at 12:10 pm**