



General Membership Meeting

February 3, 2015- Minutes

Crowne Plaza Lansing West

3:30 CALL TO ORDER

Dawn Bentley, President

I. Approval Of Consent Agenda

Dawn Bentley

- A. *February 3, 2015 General Membership Meeting Agenda*
- B. *December 10, 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes*

II. Board of Directors Reports/Announcements

A. **Executive Board Meeting Report** (Dawn Bentley):

- i. *Early On Foundation Letter of Support*: on MAASE input/position statement wiki
- ii. *State Superintendent Input*: on MAASE input/position statement wiki
- iii. *CASE Representative*: no longer a separate BoD position after this June, so the Board discussed how to delegate some responsibilities in a way that makes sense, while ensuring a BoD member represents MAASE at national events
- iv. *MAASE Foundation*: The Board discussed creating one by using interest earned on CDs and the annual CASE rebate as sustainable funding sources. If created, the foundation could do many things to support the MAASE mission- which is to grow special education leaders. Examples discussed included MAASE award winners receiving a scholarship to attend a conference, a scholarship for CASE membership, and more. This is on the April BoD agenda for further discussion.
- v. *Electronic Access-Point Registration Software/Hardware*: The Summer Institute Committee has been researching options for a more automated registration process. The Board discussed how this might streamline our current process, allow more control for members to cancel/update registration on their own and download conference materials, and how it would also perhaps serve to increase networking among attendees while at the learning event. Continued work and inquiry with a few vendors is ongoing. Ideally, we would love to see if a vendor would work with us to pilot this for our June or April learning events before scaling up to a large event like Summer Institute.
- vi. *MARSE Rules Package*: Watch for a News & Notes with ideas for you to make your voice heard!
- vii. *GAO Conference Call*: Dawn has a conference call re: MOE tomorrow.

B. **Procedures Committee** (Donna Jones): Procedures are coming along! It's tedious work, but the committee is making progress and plans to wrap up the work soon.

C. **Legislative Action Committee** (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes): Working on a number of

D. **Professional Learning Steering Committee** (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes): No report at this time.

E. **Association Partnerships Committee** (Andy Claes): Related to the work with Michigan Mental Health Coalition, the APC identified Areas of Agreed Shared Interest and Collaborative Opportunities. APC is looking at a structure for communication within MAASE and to the partner organizations. APC is also reviewing the Creating Agreement Plan, which

has been ongoing work since the last Strategic Planning in 2010. If you are interested, please consider joining the APC!

- F. **Call for Board of Director Nominations** (Dawn Bentley): The following nominations were received from the floor:

| Region 1B (2-year term) | |
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| Nominations: | Accepted? (Y or N- if N, Dawn needs to follow-up with email) |
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| Region 3 (2-year term) | |
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| Nominations: | Accepted? (Y or N- if N, Dawn needs to follow-up with email) |
| Greg Bodrie | Y |

| ISD Director (2-year term) | |
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| Nominations: | Accepted? (Y or N- if N, Dawn needs to follow-up with email) |
| Dave Manson | email needed |

| Vice-President (4-year term) | |
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| Nominations: | Accepted? (Y or N- if N, Dawn needs to follow-up with email) |
| Eric Hoppstock | Y |

| President-Elect (3-year term) | |
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| Nominations: | Accepted? (Y or N- if N, Dawn needs to follow-up with email) |
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Accepting nominations in April as well as via email to Dawn Bentley.

III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Finance & Legislation** (Rachel Fuerer): Hold April 21st-22nd for the 2nd annual MAASE Legislative Action Seminar, a great way to get to know your legislators! MLAS is a hands-on professional development opportunity where you learn by doing. Supported by experienced MAASE members, MLAS participants will meet face to face with their legislators to provide them education-related information they need. More information coming soon!
- B. **Membership Services** (Karlie Parker): The only update is that Eve Mills has accepted a position as a local district principal, so has resigned from Membership Services.
- C. **MAASE Mini-Grants** (Ellen Winter/Kim Samelstad): 10 MAASE mini-grants were awarded! Emails were sent to recipients this morning, and letters- with checks- will be mailed tomorrow. This year's recipients are:

| Recipient | Project |
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| Shana Barth - Tuscola ISD | "iPad Access for ALL Students" |
| Nicole Bliss – Armada Schools | "S'Cool Moves" |
| Hailey Fusco – Bangor Public Schools | "Get the Wiggles Out" |
| Megan Joseph – Grand Ledge | "Building Futures" |
| Jenny Knopf - Mecosta-Osceola ISD | "Talk to Me!" |
| Emilie Lancour - Hancock Public Schools | "Interactive Notebooks" |
| Melissa Lovell – Pinckney Community Schools | "Making Connections with Mind Storm Math" |
| Pamila Panozzo-Jones – Haslett Public School | "Intensive Data Analysis Teams for Students in S.E." |
| Sandra Raffa - Bay City Public Schools | "Essentials Café" |
| Sue Srebnik - Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona ESD | "IMPACT" |

IV. MAASE PD Committee Reports

- A. **Tuesday Professional Learning** (Katy Holverstott): The Tuesday PL committee is participating with the Board's strategic planning process to keep MAASE moving forward. The committee is looking at ways to incorporate a better system for membership input, more flexibility in content and more differentiated learning (such as year long courses of study as well as topical areas of focus). The committee is excited about this work and the changes it brings. The next Committee meeting is being scheduled during April MAASE.
- B. **Developing Leaders** (Abby Allen): Canceled tomorrow. April EdCamp will resume in with Eric Hartwick, our April presenter, joining the fun.
- C. **Summer Institute** (Sue Pearson): SI Committee is close to having signed contracts for 2015 and 2016 keynote speakers. More info to come.
- D. **Winter Institute** (Janis Weckstein): No updates at this time- thank you for all of you who braved the weather to learn with us!

V. Project Reports

- A. **Early Childhood LRE** (Lydia Moore): The committee is working on its final report and recommendations. Watch for those in the coming months!

VI. Communities of Practice

- A. **Early Childhood Administrators** (Stephanie Peters/S. Stegenga): No updates at this time.
- B. **ASD Program Administrators** (D. Jones/Diane Heinzelman): Responding to autism insurance benefit. Work has centered around impact of the insurance benefit for students and guidance that can be given to special education leadership to help navigate the system. Survey was sent out in late November intending to get data around students accessing benefits instead of special education programs for which they are eligible. Do not yet have the data. Have not received data from Oakland, Kent, Macomb, or Wayne. If kids are not accessing FAPE, the CoP will need to further collaborate to ensure services.
- C. **Urban Special Education Administrators** (Jacqueline McDougal): No updates at this time.
- D. **Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs** (Tina Lawson): SLIP Winter Conference- there were 110 attendees for Day #1 on Transition and 70 attendees for Day #2 on Winter Conference Info. The conference committee collected surveys will share results on the listserv and discuss them at the April meeting. SLIP members should watch the listserv for information on the upcoming site visit to Wesley School in Muskegon.
- E. **Planner-Monitors** (Connie Cullip/M. Wolschlager): Reminder- Statewide Monitors Conference will be held on May 7-8 in Mackinaw City. Monitors- Watch for an email and link when registration is open. Hoping to have CIMS redesign training.
- F. **D/HH Program Administrators** (Trish Lopucki): Strategic planning meeting today. Going to have 2 half-day meetings instead of Tuesday lunch meetings.
- G. **EI & Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators** (Mike Marinello/Kristy Bonter): No updates at this time.
- H. **Secondary Transition Administrators** (Pete Johnson): The Transition COP is in the process of re-defining our work in alignment with the 3 areas identified in the MAASE Strategic planning- Association Partnership, Legislative Action, and Professional Learning. The participants at the December COP expressed an interest in focusing on legislative action, looking for opportunities to talk with legislators regarding transition related topics, and developing talking points for transition.

VII. Organizations, Work Groups & MAASE Appointee Reports

- A. **SEAC** (Janis Weckstein/Sue Pearson): Check out the SEAC minutes from the January meeting for the letter the SEAC sent to the SBE regarding the MARSE rules package: http://seac.cenmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SEAC_Feb4_2015_Agenda_Bundle.pdf.
- B. **CASE** (Jennifer Scott-Burton): No updates at this time.
- C. **MASA Legislative Committee** (Jennifer Scott-Burton): No updates at this time.
- D. **Michigan CEC** (Laurie Jepsen): MCEC 75th Annual Conference- March 4-6. MAASE is sponsoring Dr. Anita Archer's full day workshop on Wednesday, the 4th. Her topic is "Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Literacy Instruction." MAASE will also host a MAASE/CASE reception following the preconference sessions from 4:30-6:00. Stay late or arrive early on Wednesday and join in the fun. There are 120 breakouts planned for

- Thursday and Friday. Temple Grandin is the keynote speaker for Friday.
- E. **MI Interagency Coordinating Council** (Sondra Stegenga): MICC has not met since December- next meeting is Tuesday, February 24th. The Part C SSIP work continues to move forward.
 - F. **DAS Advisory Council** (Abby Allen): Next meeting is this coming Thursday. DAS AC is working on creating a draft of bylaws for the work. Stay tuned!
 - G. **DAS Assessing SWDs Committee** (Lance Siegwald): No report at this time.
 - H. **MAISA Early Childhood Committee** (Kathy Fortino): Not much to report other than the MAISA EC group has adopted a goal to support increased funding for Early On.
 - I. **Michigan Early On Foundation** (Kathy Fortino): The purpose of this initial group meeting was to do some joint planning for increased advocacy efforts on behalf of *Early On*. Other groups attending that meeting included the Early On Foundation, Michigan's Children, The Michigan League for Public Policy, ECIC, Gud Marketing, Wayne RESA, and a couple others (don't have the names at home). The group outlined preliminary plans to advocate for EO especially around funding but also about program changes/improvements. The group meets again on February 12th, after the Governor's budget proposal is unveiled.
 - J. **MASA Systemic School Reform Study Team** (Dawn Bentley): SSRC members were presented with a draft letter intended to begin a conversation with the business community. The group shared feedback about the letter. MASA informed SSRC Study Committee members via email that the work has been concluded.

VIII. Informational Items

- A. **Membership Recognition** (Donna Jones): Student guests were introduced from Grand Rapids Public Schools, West Ottawa Public Schools, and Western Michigan University.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at: 3:33 pm.