

Michigan Association of State and Federal Programs Specialists
Thursday, January 14, 2016
Comfort Inn, Lansing, MI
8:30 a.m.
Minutes (revised)

Members Present:

Jennifer Allen, Mike Burde, Jan Callis, Sam Ewing, Illise Goldman, Syndee Malek, Robbin Meeks, Laura Otten, Jill Pastor, Sally Perkins, Sara Shriver, Kristi Teall, Glenda Virden, Paula Daniels, Fred Williams, Bill Witt

Excused Absences:

Shelley Alwardt, Lynn Batchelder, Judy Handley, Anders Hill, Jolia Hill, Kathleen McBroom, Marie Miller, Willye Pigott, Tom Reeder, Karen Ruple, Michele Sandro, Grace Velchansky, Sue Warren, Karon Yeager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Laura Otten at 8:45 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sam Ewing to accept the agenda, second by Jill Pastor. Motion carried.

President's Report: Laura Otten

- Requested in Willye's absence for someone to take the minutes and Robbin Meeks volunteered.
- Laura had nothing new to report and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Present Elect's Report: Syndee Malek

- Summer Leadership Learning Academy (SLLA) will be July 25, 2016 – July 27, 2016 at Crystal Mountain.
- Goal of SLLA Retreat: increase membership participation, review our professional development, discuss who we are as leaders and what we offer, how can we be more effective with our partnerships, develop ideas for donating 3 days to offer more of professional development for curriculum and examining climate/culture, pair up to have 15 or more workshops for MAS/FPS to get out, and retreat for half day to meet to discuss strategies

Executive Secretary's Report: Sara Shriver

- Reminded all that mileage is .54.
- Reminded all that February Board Meeting is February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. there will be dinner.
- Sam Ewing reminded scoring of the MAS/FPS Scholarships would be on February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Willye Pigott (absent)

ACTION ITEM: Laura Otten asked are there any changes to the minutes.

- Moved by Ilise Goldman to approve minutes from November 12, 2015.
- Support by Sally Perkins.
- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ewing

- Total assets \$250,000
- Expenses up about \$23,000
- Payments for Winter Institute are rolling in 5-7 checks a day

ACTION ITEM: Laura Otten asked for questions regarding the financial report. None.

- Moved by Mike Burde to file the Treasurer's report.

- Support by Syndee Malek.
- Motion carried

Old Business: Laura Otten

- MAS/FPS Approved Vision Statement – MAS/FPS will support Michigan students’ educators to optimize the use of state and federal funds to prepare all students to excel in the 21st century.

Responses:

Sara Shriver – Asked is it for all students

Syndee Malek – This goes back to professional development piece, want to make sure all students benefits by broadening partnerships in areas to help all students

Mike Burde – Stated that carries a lot of weight and that is a political statement, want understanding of what is meant by all students.

Sara Shriver – Asked should it be for all at risk students.

ACTION ITEM: Sam Ewing

- Motion made by Sam Ewing to accept as Vision Statement.
- Support by Jill Pastor.
- Motion carried

New Business: Laura Otten

- Legislative Committee Meeting Presentation was moved to later on the agenda when Jan Callis arrived.
- Laura moved the MDE reports ahead in the agenda.

MDE Reports: Fred Williams, Paula Daniels, Bill Witt

Paula Daniels

- Will provide a view of what’s taking place at department (MDE). How to move forward with ESSA? The process will take time. There is a major shift from federal to state for oversight. It will be challenging for MDE but not in position to say what the feds will be made to do.
- Working on cross-departmental team to interpret the ESSA. MDE will request stakeholders input. MAS/FPS is a partner and will be at table with putting together departmental information. Will make sure to provide what is needed and provide initiatives.
- Putting together plans for effective offices. How state chooses to implement don’t know yet.
- School wide flexibility will look at trying to understand not play catch up with the deadlines. Paragraphs 4-5 states the time line to stay within.
- Next step include handling of the 390 pages of what’s included in ESSA. There are definitions in the back of ESSA book to clarify number of areas such as help to guide next phase. Look at department how it will impact images, and study guides.
- There are lots of questions. Fred has 3X5 cards to write down questions or email questions. There is a link that takes you to ESSA site. You can still ask questions, ends 1/19/16.
- Also, google ESSA there are lots of information, opinions and factual.

Fred Williams

- Distributed the MDE ESSA update document.
- Attending the NASTID conference starts Thursday, 01/28/16 at 6:30 a.m., that is why requesting ESSA questions.
- There were some FY15 FER deviations, 65 Title IA and 60 Title IIA. For districts who had a deviation of 10% or more in a function code, notifications will go out next week.
- Amendments are due tomorrow will give some extensions to the 30th of January.
- Out of state conferences is available in Michigan; however; out state conference will be reviewed closely. If conference is offered in state possibility out state will not be approved. No more one day conferences. Conferences must be sustainable and ongoing according to ESSA. Out of state

conferences are getting out of hand. Travel should not be an amendment because of extra funds, carryover.

- Becky Pendleton, Department Manager of Fiscal position will be posted. There are 2 year limits on positions.

Paula Daniels

- School-wide flexibility will monitor intent and purpose to provide assurance to ensure funds are used for the schools.
- School-wide webinar to highlight power point must be 88% compliance.
- Challenge getting close capture initial date for release was later this month. Will release with note page soon. Will provide draft for MAS/FPS to review give feedback. Trying to get support as soon as possible in case district want to use the flexibility. Schools do not have to exercise flexibility.

Responses:

Jan Callis – School-wide flexible fair share of pot must go to provide programs.

Paula Daniels – No change in interpretation in school-wide. It is still the same. No major changes.

Sam Ewing – More flexibility the state will have option of accelerating planning.

Sara Shriver – District-wide planning must be at school level. The school must state how they want to proceed.

Paula Daniels – School level in TSS only by district.

Fred Williams – If flexibility is part of school-wide, what are the extra things, the plan should be 100% compliant. This is not an interpretation of ESSA it is already in NCLB. More information coming regarding the SIG. Feds will release application in summer. SIG funds are decreasing.

Bill Witt (OEII)

- Seven goals released.
 - high quality instruction,
 - college readiness,
 - future workshop force,
 - #7 ties in first 6 how to reorganize department to meet seven goals.
- Requires time for ESSA to transition. Next steps are stakeholder feedback, alignment of priority, review by state board, identification of strategies and measures. Financial independence teams collaborative effort between MDE and Treasury. Treasurer Paul Connors new head started in Benton Harbor area schools and Pontiac. He used existing plan because did not want additional plan to create unrealistic expectations. Currently working with consent agreement district. Focus on understanding the impact of financial decisions have on achievement and enrollment such as, staffing reductions, including specialty teachers, reading and math interventionist, increased class sizes, mileages, bond issues, transportation, elimination of arts programs and schools of choice. People are not discussing decisions. MDE is conducting a pilot program to develop screening and planning processes using existing tools already available to schools and districts. These processes will determine which districts must create a education plan for local districts, charters, and ISD are contributing to this work. On target to have a recommendation to the state superintendent before the start of the 16-17 school year. In order to fix problem must omit to problem. Will take steps to determine if education plan is required. Early Literacy as of last week awarded. The grant is 2 yrs with carry over 09/30/17 end date. Not known if more funds will be provided. ISD Literacy Coach Grant award notification letters were mailed 01/07/16. Those who applied should have award letter. The issuance of grant award notification letter for the Instructional Block Funds are awaiting a decision by MDE regarding the eligibility. Application deadline for the Acceptable Tools Grant is 02/1/16. MDE is hoping to have grant award notifications letters mailed at the beginning of March.

Committee Reports:

Legislation: Jan Callis

The committee discussed Module 3-video with members in groups of 3-4 members. The feedback from the video will be compiled to tell a story. Observation of video is too long can reduce the 13 slides. Overall, the feedback was positive.

Professional Learning: Jill Pastor

Jill gave a report on the status of the Winter Institute.

Communications: Ilise Goldman

Ilise gave an update on the tasks for the Communications Committee to tackle.

NAFEA Report: Sam Ewing

- Deadline for registration is 02/01/16. Meeting on 02/03/16 before Winter Institute to score scholarship applications @ 6:00 p.m. on the 1st floor.

Meeting Points to Remember

- Register for MAS/FPS Winter Institute, February 4 – 5 in Lansing
- MDE is working on interpretation of ESSA
- Study School-Wide flexibility – guidance
- Out of state conferences request are getting out of hand. No one day conferences must be sustainable
- Districts will be notified of FY15 FER deviation next week

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robbin Meeks (in the absence of Secretary, Willye Pigott)