

## **MCASE Executive Board Meeting notes**

**June 15, 2018**

### **OPI Report from Frank and Dick**

- Possible Legislative reboot in funding for \$2,000,000 for co-ops to better address administrative costs.
- Possible Legislative consideration of automatic inflationary increases
- Possible legislative consideration to do a tuition levy for assessments for Co-ops unless they have received Impact Aid or have refunded money.
- How can we recruit more MCASE members and get administrative buy in at the district levels?
- OPI session at MCEL will be top 5 Ways to get in Trouble and How to Avoid Them
- Dept. of Justice is offering a grant on preventing violence and training teachers, OPI will apply for the grant.
- OPI intends to keep New Director Training for the upcoming school year.
- OPI Montana Schools Directory has a list of Special Education Administrators and Co-op Directors to assist us in tracking and communicating with administrators serving as Special Education Directs within their districts.
- Northern Plains Law Conference 2018 will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota on September 24-26, 2018. The preconference topic on Monday will be Facilitated IEPs.

### **Information from Kirk (SAM)**

- Kirk reviewed how to access the SAM website and information for MCASE and other SAM affiliates.
- He described Strategic Governance Training and the hope that it will increase job satisfaction for leaders and ultimately improve student achievement. SAM will take the first 20 schools/districts that apply for training. Required members from each school or district include Board member, Superintendent, building level administrator, Union or teacher representative, and a business official. They will consider MCASE's suggestion to include a Special Education Administrative Representative in the future.
- He encouraged us to remind regional administrators about the Leaders Professional Learning Program (LPLP) and the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across the state in professional development and school transformation.
- SAM Administrator Institute will be Held July 30-Aug. 1, 2018 in Helena. Social/Emotional/Behavioral, transforming education through Personalized Learning, and Information Privacy are the three tracks being offered at the Institute.

### **Information from Pat Audet and Kim**

- MCASE membership increased by one this year.
- So far, 19 of MCASE members have completed the renewal process through SAM.
- OPI Montana Schools Directory has a list of Special Education Administrators and Co-op Directors to assist us in tracking and communicating with administrators serving as Special Education Directs within their districts.
- Pat will send a list to each MCASE Regional representative which will reflect those who have not yet paid MCASE dues.
- Kim Scofield also showed us how to access the community forum to reply or post topics for discussion.

### **MCASE Recruitment Project**

- Some administrators throughout the state are unaware of the option of joining the Recruitment Project. Kaitlin Sonderer will prepare a letter for SAM to mail after July 1 to all SAM affiliates and past participants. The letter will also be added to Kirk's Friday updates and the July/August SAM newsletter. It will be sent out again after September 1, 2018 as well.
- Schools will also have the option to promote their areas, districts, or schools through statements, photos, and descriptions in an online format. They are considering more outreach through Facebook with links to district websites.
- OPI will increase their contribution this year to \$15,000 toward the Recruitment Project.
- We may need to consider an updated manner of reflecting Montana at conferences and will consider using the extra \$12,000 from OPI to secure a marketer to assist in this process.

### **MCASE Upcoming Conferences**

- Karen is trying to secure Andree Larose and Bea Kaleva to co-present a legal session at the Fall MASS/MCASE Conference in Bozeman.
- Other potential speakers for future events include Susan Craig (Trauma), Jill Kuzma (Executive Functioning), Marilyn Friend (co-teaching with target goals in a collaborative setting)
- Please contact Karen with other suggestions you/your region may have
- We are considering adding a day to Fall MCASE this year with more Special Education Focus.

### **Other Topics/Considerations**

- Consider strengthening our presence at MCEL for 2019. Determine possible topics and speakers by our February meeting.
- Possibly providing a scholarship for Lori Smith as our CEC rep?
- Consider MCASE Regions coinciding with MASS regions rather than CSPD regions?
- Consider inviting OPI to regional meetings.

