

November 17, 2021 Agenda

Present: Christina Olstad, Sara Evans, John Gorton OPI,

- Update from Sara Novak
- Update from OPI
 - Sped Director calls will be resuming Dec 8, 2021 at 8:30. Topics to be discussed review updates in MT guidance document. Hoping to get new guidance up on the web before Dec 8, 2021 . Second Wednesday of every month.
 - December 9, webinar for Alt. Assessment 3:00-4:00
 - State director position? There are some applicants but the pool is small. Jessie Counts has had conversations with people but it is a slow process. The search is nationwide. Is MT pay level competitive with other states and rural districts? We are on the lower end and the change would take a lot of time!
 - Danni is doing well with the financial side of things
 - Monitoring is going well
 - Only 2 monitors
 - Entertaining some thoughts on changing the monitoring format. Brainstorming as of now
 - Hoping to get back to in-person monitoring if OPI is fully staffed
 - Sara reported she felt the virtual monitoring was not less effective than the in-person. Teachers didn't seem to feel the same level of pressure as in-person pulling files
- Private School Offer- Attend Region IV for explanation 11/18/2021 9:30 AM
- Homeschool students and evaluations
 - Parent request vs. school request
 - Providing evidence of what they were actually learning
 - Educational disadvantage
 - Make parents feel connected to the process
- Staffing?
 - Licensure issues only one or two working in that area
 - Licensure requirements continue to be a barrier
 - Send questions or concerns to John Gorton or Danni McCarthy

Ways to get people involved:

- Have separate meetings for Co-op Directors and Stand-alone districts
- Same time two different links
- Sara Evans run the Stand-alone districts
- Meet as a group quarterly starting in January

Next Meeting December 15, 2021, 11:00 AM