

# **MAASE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

Meeting called to order by President Cindy Shinsky at 8:45 am in the Ballrooms, Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

Report by Dr. Jacque Thompson, State Director of Special Education, MDE. IDEA has increased the accountability requirements. Performances Plans will be the focus of an upcoming conference. There will be a slight reduction (.24%) in Flowthrough funds. Complaint investigations workshops are being held around the state. Next one to be held is March 13. Complaint procedures have not been changed. Suspension/Expulsion portrait data will be available in two weeks.

## **CRACKER BARREL SESSION**

Speaker: **David Gruber, Dispute Resolution Association of Michigan**

Topic: **Dispute Resolution/Michigan Special Education Mediation Program**

## **MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Motion by Mark Francis to approve the consent agenda, supported by Jim Redder. Motion passed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Contact Jim Royle if you need updated CEU information from MAASE.
2. First call for nomination for MAASE President-Elect and CASE Representative. Nominations should be directed to Kathy Fortino.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORT**

(Please review board minutes for more details).

## **PROJECT AND STANDING COMMITTEE (SC) REPORTS**

### **1. (Programs/Service)**

- a. Monitor State Schools (SC) – Randy Schantz Total Communication policy at MSD is in the process of being updated. There are some very positive changes happening at MSD. Standards based education is coming to local deaf programs. Enrollment is at 162 from 115 school districts. MSD is in the process of transitioning to Easy IEP. School is also participating in TOPS.
- b. ISD Plans Alternative Program Model – Wally Gunderson. Document is being put in a word format and can be obtained from Wally.
- c. System of Student Support – Tony Thaxton Executive Board approved the resolution supporting this effort. Next step is a plan for implementation. Contact Tony if you have some ideas on the how this might be done.

- d. Supported Independence Curriculum –Brian Pianosi and Marcia O’Brian – Curriculums will be put on the web.
  - e. SLIP (SC) – Sue Ochs Working with the bench mark standards and pilot districts for curriculum.
2. **(Legal/Legislative)**
- e. Monitor Finance/ Legislation (SC) – Mark Moody Training for Administrative Law Judges is being established. Autism Task Force is putting indicators for autism on CEN web site. Department will be reviewing the issue of proposed teacher certification changes. Committee encourages you to make contact with your legislators to keep them informed. MAASE will be financially supporting a member to attend CASE Leadership Institute in Washington DC.
  - f. NCLB Issues with Special Education – Penelope Miller –Smith Committee is recommending that NCLB project become part of Finance/Legislation.
  - g. Learning Disabilities Determination – Diane Heinzelman/Kathy Clegg Full response interventions will be reviewed. Interventions are to improve student achievement. Presentation will be made at April Cracker Barrel.
3. **(Membership Services)**
- h. Hospitality – Amy Boehms The turn out for February was smaller but great fun.
  - i. Web Site Expansion – Mary Schrader List serv is up and running. Mary would be happy to put MAASE news on the web. Get information to her in the format as you want it viewed. Web site will no longer be a project because Mary has been contracted by MAASE to run the web site.
  - j. Membership Recruitment – Deb Smith Has contacted all ISD requesting they encourage local special education administrators to join MAASE. Deb will be doing recruitment at Michigan CEC in March.
  - j. Mini-grants – Melinda Stout Application process is closed and readers are needed. Contact her if you can help.
4. **(Professional Development)**
- k. Tuesday & Weekend Workshops – Cheryl Borowski was pleased that 180 registered for the February meeting. The program was “NCLB and Special Education Math AYP through Wayne RESA.
  - l. Summer Institute – Jan Gaubatz July 30-August 2, 2006 is the date of this year’s institute to be held at Crystal Mt. Theme ”Rebuilding-Beyond Brick and Mortar”. Initial information will be on web site soon.
  - m. Cracker Barrels – Marcia Young Session are set for the year.
  - n. New Administrator Workshops – Penelope Miller- Smith “Meet with project leaders” session was held with 23 in attendance. April will be Monday afternoon.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL GROUP REPORTS**

1. **IHE – Jim Royle.** Committee is concerned with department of certification’s proposal to eliminate undergrad special education as a major. They will follow this proposal closely.

2. **SEAC –Jerry Oermann.** Reviewing state performance plan and data collection process. December meeting will establish sub committee.
3. **Michigan CEC – Lucian Parshall.** This year's convention to be held March 1-3, 2006, Amway Grand, Grand Rapids. Laurie Vanderploeg is CEC President, Janis Gaubatz, is president elect and Mark Francis is Vice President.
4. **International CASE – Cindy Smith** January 2005, a task force was assembled to look at CASE as an organization and how best to serve members. Scott Hubble served on this task force. Michigan CASE membership is fourth largest in the nation. As a CASE member, you should have gotten a ballot to vote for CASE President. MAASE Executive Board is supporting Dr. Emily Collins for CASE President. MAASE is again supporting the MAASE/CASE hospitality reception at Michigan CEC.
5. **Michigan Transition Services- Kim Norman** How can MTS can help your district?

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Executive Secretary Report.**
  - a. Membership is at 390.
  - b. Financial as of 1/31/06 – Cash- \$37,707.04, Saving - \$3,461.26 and \$30,479.06 in CDs for a total of \$71,647.36
  - c. Contact Jim Royle if you need past MAASE CEU credit transcript.
  - d. Your district can pay in advance for the year for all PD events except Summer Institute. There will be no refunds for your non attendance, but you can add other people during the year and pay for them at the time.
  - e. Job posting on the Web must be in the form you want, we do no editing and posting is for special education positions only. Posting should be e-mailed to Mary Schrader at [msodutch@aol.com](mailto:msodutch@aol.com)
  - f. You can sign up for sleeping rooms at Sheraton for the year, but if you don't need room and don't cancel, you will be charged.
  - g. Larry Campbell's e-mail address has changed to [llcampbe1@msn.com](mailto:llcampbe1@msn.com)
  - h. On line registration system- If you register for a MAASE meeting and don't attend and don't cancel 72 hrs. in advance, you will be charged the registration fee.
  - i. Leadership Celebration dinner dance is being considered for the June meeting in conjunction with hospitality.

**Membership recognition and member news.** Eleanor White – Cindy Shinsky recognized facilitators, Jim Royle, Trish Keller, Mark King and Tony Thaxton with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts to MAASE.

**MURRAY O. BATTEN AWARD** is given to a practicing special education administrator who emulated Murray Batten qualities of honesty, integrity, trust and compassion. Murray served as State Director of Special Education from 1973-1981. Last year's recipient was Laurie Vanderploeg. Scott Hubble presented this award, on behalf of MAISEA, to Greg LaMore, Director of Special Services, Ottawa ISD. Many of Greg's family, employees, and friends gathered to congratulate Greg for his efforts on behalf of disabled persons.

## **ADJOURNMENT**