

MARESA SEPAC MINUTES

October 7, 2020 – 6:30 pm to 8:00pm

THOSE PRESENT : Theresa King, Lora Kinnunen, Julie Nyman, Ali Dehlin, Julie Shaw, Tammy Nyen

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Reports:

- ❖ Board Report from Julie Shaw:
 - Dr. Nyen is very excited to be apart of MARESA, he states it is “one of the most talented groups he has ever worked with”
 - Transition classroom moved to St. Michael's smoothly
- ❖ MARESA Report
 - Tammy - discussed the stress of covid on the districts, the staff and teachers.
 - The Gov. Rules are not officially out, even with the Supreme court ruling, it is not official, there will be more information coming later this week. Staying the course with masking for now.
 - School Psychologist
 - Fall Conference
 - All virtual this year and open to all teachers, community members, parents and students
 - over 900 already registered
 - October 9,2020
 - This year's theme:Trauma & Triumph

Discussion Items:

- ❖ Virtual Stipend Form
 - Fill out for October - needs to be fixed before we fill it out this month.
- ❖ In November discuss monthly meetings or changing the frequency of the meetings.
- ❖ Possible creation of a support group for parents of special needs children
- ❖ Concerns/Comments/Thoughts on Role of SEPAC this year - working on determining how we can be helpful to families and also find ways of building up membership.
- ❖ Surrogate Parents -
 - The need arises when children are wards of the state and do not have anyone to advocate for them.
 - A flow chart will be coming - this will be a tool to help determine if the child is in need of a surrogate parent.
 - MARESA ISD through the SEPAC will keep a list of possible surrogate parents so when a need arises, we can look for a good fit.
 - Training is coming, they hope to have it UP wide, maybe online.
 - Surrogate parents can't be affiliated with MARESA, any districts or schools.
 - What does a Surrogate parent do?
 - They have all of the rights & responsibilities of a parent.

- They would meet with the student so they could get to know the student and gain an understanding of their needs.

Additional Topics

- ❖ Upcoming meetings possible moving the meeting to the first Wednesday of the month
 - Wednesday, November 4, ,2020 at 6:30pm on zoom