

## **MARESA SEPAC MINUTES**

November 4, 2020 – 6:30 pm to 8:00pm

**THOSE PRESENT : Theresa King, Lora Kinnunen, Sundi Taylor, Julie Nymen, Tammy Nyen, Julie Shaw.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes: Julie Nymen, Lora Kinnunen**

**Reports:**

❖ Board Report from Julie Shaw:

- Several board members were able to participate on a call for the State regarding future funding and where they need it. Julie Shaw & Greg Nyen were two of the locals on this call. Discussing mental health subsidies for schools and subsidies to help every child receive a quality education and have access to support.

❖ MARESA Report

➤ School Psychologist Update

- The SEPAC board would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the faculty and staff at our local districts and MARESA. Thank you so much for all you do for your children and families.
- One of the local psychologists was in a car accident a few weeks ago. He is making progress daily. He hopes to return to work in January.
- There is still one open position for a school psychologist at MARESA, but most local Intermediate school districts have psychologist positions available also.
- Theresa King & Jared Koski have been trained to administer some of the testing and have been filling in where they can to help
- Deb Pierre came back out of retirement and is helping while she is in Michigan
- Greg Nyen is also hoping to help since he is also a school psychologist. This has been approved by MDE so he will fill in needs as well, doing double & triple jobs to serve the children in this area.

➤ Schools currently in remote learning

- Ishpeming
  - Birchview Elementary - online through Nov. 11.
- Gwinn
  - Gilbert Elementary
    - ◆ 2nd grade - online through Nov. 11
    - ◆ 3rd grade - online through Nov. 13
- Neganuee
  - Lakeview ECSE - remote through Nov 16

➤ Information also available on TV6 (WLUC) website

**Discussion Items:**

❖ **SEPAC Membership**

➤ **Look local SEPACS and try to get suggestions or best practices**

■ **UP ISD, Copper Country and Delta County**

❖ **Individual Roles**

➤ **Need a Chair for SEPAC**

- Preside at all SEPAC meetings.
- Appoint, when necessary, sub-committees to carry out committee functions.
- Develop the agenda for each SEPAC meeting.
- Sign documents relating to official committee functions.
- Maintain all books, documents and papers as SEPAC determines to be necessary to their business and maintain an official record of SEPAC activities.

❖ **Surrogate Parent Needs**

- Need a surrogate parent for a student in the Gwinn district.
- Training to become a surrogate parent is available online.
- Could SAIL provide surrogate parents for MARESA?

❖ **Next Meeting**

- January
  - SAIL Presentation (accessibility)

❖ **Other items**

**Additional Topics**

- ❖ Meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month
  - Wednesday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30pm on zoom