

MARESA SEPAC MINUTES

September 7, 2022 – 6:30 pm to 8:00pm

THOSE PRESENT :

Lora Kinnunen (zoom)
Colin Jenkins (in person)
Pauline Holman (zoom)
Andie Haavisto (in person)
Jessica Brooks (in person)
Shilpa Jhobalia (zoom guest)
Emily Robarge (zoom guest)
Sarah Hayes (zoom guest)

6:30-6:40

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Colin Jenkins

Second: Lora Kinnunen

Motion approved unanimously

6:40-7:00

Reports:

❖ MARESA Report

- Tammy Nyen reviewed the meeting format, roles and responsibilities of board members, and fielded questions regarding options for parent representation
- Positions posted:
 - Theresa King provided details for the 3 current vacancies
- New Hires and added positions:
 - See MARESA Updates/New Hires (T. King reviewed)
- Organizational Chart:
 - T. King reviewed.
 - Clarification regarding roles and responsibilities was provided for the position of ECS
 - Clarification regarding 31N was provided
- MARESA-Wide PD Day:
 - October 7, 2022 for all MARESA school districts.
 - T. Nyen reviewed agenda and shared the details for the day
- Who to Contact When

Discussion Items:

❖ Role of SEPAC Officers and Elections

- T. King suggested the option of holding officer elections via zoom
- T. King: Seek a motion to hold officer elections in 2 weeks
 - Lora Kinnunen made the motion
 - Jessica seconded the motion
 - Discussion: T. King reviewed the election process
 - Motion approved unanimously

❖ ISD Plan Draft

- T. King reviewed a draft of the plan and sought input from the
- Changes/Expansions/Modifications
 - R 340.1754: Same modification from existing plan, but with the added word of “option” to operate ECSE programs...
 - R 340.1733 (d): Age range expansion for K-8 Districts
 - R 340.1733: Age range expansion for MICI and MOCI programs at K-12 buildings
 - Suggestion: require a paraprofessional be added with the expanded age range
 - ◆ MARESA admin will clarify if this requirement already exists for MOCI or MICI programs within MARSE
 - R 340.1749: TC with split assignment with max caseload of 25 students
 - Suggestion: adjust teacher compensation to support potential caseload increase
 - ◆ Suggestion will be brought to special education coordinators for consideration and additional input
 - Suggestion: tweak the language to clarify it is a prorated caseload
 - R 340.1749 a & b: elementary and secondary resource room expansion for districts with enrollment of less than 150 students
- MARESA admin will review CO-OP configuration for discrepancies with posted ISD plan (MARESA website)
- ❖ Parent Handbook Workgroup
 - T. King will share with group and create a sub committee to create a handbook for parents to use as a resource
- ❖ Playground Update
 - The fundraising goal has been met!!!
 - Currently in the approval process for demolition and construction plans
 - Hopefully breaking ground in the “springish”
- ❖ Least Restrictive Environment
 - Future meeting topic: gather information regarding best practices in understanding LRE
 - T. King shared “Family Matters” document and PACER handout specific to LRE
 - MDE is focusing on LRE
- ❖ Future Meeting Topics
 - SEPAC Flier
 - Bring information and resources from Fireflies facebook f

Roundtable: no discussion

Meeting Adjourned:

- ❖ Motion: Jessica Brooks
- ❖ Second: Andie Haavisto
 - Motion passed unanimously

Next scheduled meeting will be November 2nd.