

# MAS/FPS Board Meeting

September 13, 2007

## **President's Report:**

Debbie Kitson called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. She welcomed everyone to a new year and had everyone introduce themselves.

## **President Elect Report:**

Judy noted that she and Sara visited Boyne Mountain this summer to work out the details of the Summer Learning Academy for 2008. Members were asked to mark their calendars for July 23-25, 2008, and Judy shared a notebook showing some Boyne brochures and pictures of the accommodations at Boyne.

## **Executive Secretary Report:**

Sara received an e-mail from Thomas Stephan of the Grand Rapids Visitor's Bureau asking if the organization would consider hosting our Fall Institute in their area. After a brief discussion it was decided that Sara will respond that we are not interested at this time.

Sara received a communication recommending Michigan Learnport as a breakout session at one of our Institutes. Please contact Sara if you have any information on this program.

Roberta Stanley had sent members an e-mail from Antonio Perez, a high school student. Antonio is recommending his father, Mr. Hector Perez, as a motivational speaker for one of our Institutes. Hector Perez is a recent retiree from Detroit Public Schools.

Paula Daniels and Margarita Frommert are the two practitioner representatives on MDE's "Advisory to MDE Regarding Title I" committee. Their first meeting is to be held from 9 AM to noon on September 20, 2007 in Lansing. Paula will be unable to attend, and Scott Pitts offered to attend in her absence.

Sara circulated the website information and asked members to verify the accuracy of the information. The updated information will be posted by our new webmaster.

## **Secretary Report:**

None

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Sam presented the monthly budget and reported that all is going well. He has already filed the organization's 990 tax form that is due in November. The budget was approved by Jeanette Magsig and seconded by Grace Valchansky.

## **NAFEPA Report:**

Glenda reported that she and Marie will be attending the NAFEPA Academy in San Francisco at the beginning of October. She should have more to report after this meeting.

The dual membership appears to be working well for NAFEPA. Membership has increased in many states.

Glenda asked members to mark April 13-16, 2008 for the NAFEPA conference at the Omni Shoreham hotel in Washington DC. The theme for this conference is **Foundation for Success Using Data for.....** Doug Reeves, Leigh Manasevitz and Jack Jennings are among the

scheduled keynoters. Registration information will be posted on the NAFEPA website in mid-October.

Someone asked about the NAFEPA Scholarship information, and Sara reported that it is included on the Flash Drive that we received today. Also included on the flash drive are various forms (i.e., mileage reimbursement, check requests, subscription forms, and the organization's job descriptions and roles.

### **MDE Report:**

Linda Hecker and Karen Ruple reviewed the Process Mentor Team Documents and Resources (book and CD) with the organization. Trainings have taken place across the state, and a teleconference is scheduled for October 3. Please contact Carolyn Zank at Kent ISD if you would like to attend. MDE is also looking for representatives for the Process Mentor Team which will be a paid position. Please contact Linda Hecker if you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested.

Mike Radke reported out on the following issues:

- reported that the NCLB Reauthorization is moving along. Legislators are not "tinkering". There have been reports of significant changes, and the NEA has stated their disapproval of these changes. The most recent GMOSI includes the website where these proposed changes are reported.
- The federal auditor report (37 pages of findings) indicated that schools are not following the state's rules (i.e., no school improvement plans). MDE has partnered with MAS/FPS with their SWP Technical Assistance training. The first session was held on Wednesday, 9-12-07 in Lansing. Sam, Sara and Debbie worked with Jane Jacobs and Charlotte O'Brien at this training, and preliminary reports were extremely positive! The second session will be held tomorrow (9-14-07) at Wayne County RESA.
- There have been issues with districts submitting their Consolidated Grant multiple times...even as late as the spring! The grant must be submitted in "substantially approvable form" in order to qualify for the federal funds.
- With respect to the Comprehensive Needs Assessment, MDE's goal is to keep to the following timeline:
  - November 2007: Roll out the electronic format of CNA; release the paper format of the School Improvement Planning Document
  - Spring 2008: Roll out of electronic format of School Improvement Planning Document that will help build strategies, actions, budget and timelines; release of paper copy of District CNA;
  - November 2008: Electronic copy of District CNA

After the district documents, the state will roll out documents for the ISDs and then the state.

- Staffing: Considering the number of retirements and the hiring freeze, MDE is looking to partner with various groups to fill in the gaps. Region 3 currently has no field reps. MDE is asking for recommendations for people who can be trained. Mike will develop a job description. Sam said that we can look to post this on various websites (i.e., ASCD, Phi Delta Kappa, MEMSPA, etc.)
- High Priority School plans are currently working well. Various coach and mentor trainings have taken place. Wayne County RESA training has yet to take place and will follow a slightly different model.
- AYP: Elementary and Middle School AYP status has been released. Currently there are only 78 Title I schools in a phase of improvement. There will be a special conference held at

the Kellogg Center on September 16, 17 and 18, 2007 for schools who are just entering Phase 1. Building teams have been invited to attend.

- High School AYP will be released soon. Schools will then have 1 month to file appeals of these results. Per MDE's memo dated March 25, 2005, even non-Title buildings are subject to consequences (i.e., rewriting their plan, notification of parents etc.). Members suggested that MDE issue letters to district superintendents as well as building principals.

**Drawings:**

Gas Card: Jan Callis

Title I Video: Karen Ruple

**Committee Reports:**

**Boot Camp #1** will be held at the Sheraton in Lansing on September 29. Currently we have 56 participants. Glenda, Sam, Judy and Margarita will do the training and Holli will provide technical assistance. BC #2 will be May 10, 2008.

We currently have a Principal's BC scheduled for the Clare-Gladwin area on October 20 and April 26. Sam will contact ISDs to see if there is interest in additional training in other areas.

**E-news:** Terry reported that they will have new features this year. A new schedule was distributed to the membership with the reminder that you are responsible for providing 1 article from your district highlighting a program of interest. Terry will send this schedule to Sara so that she can send it out to the executive board so that you download it to your new flash drive.

**PD:** The group will need 30-45 minutes at the next meeting. They will also plan activities for 3 additional sessions this year. Please bring your book next month.

**Fall Institute:**

Because of the amount of planning still needed, the planning committee will meet following this meeting.

**Old Business:**

Sara has cards to send to Sue Warren and Paula Daniels.

**Meeting Adjournment:** At 1:15 Scott Pitts moved that we adjourn the meeting. Jeanette seconded the motion.