

# December 2015 F&L Note

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 12:02 PM

## Meeting Times Preference:

- Keep the same or move to Wednesday?

## Communications

- October Minutes-posted to Wiki
- EO Letter to Gov.- link on agenda (also on Wiki)
- Karoub Report- Nov.-link on agenda (on Wiki)

## Office of Special Education

- Administrative (Jan)
- Finance (John)
  - Special Education Finance Sub-Committee being formed with ISD Business Office Officials will meet on a quarterly basis
    - Topics to discuss: MOE, Excess Cost, provide clarifications
    - Possible association partner for MAASE
  - Began work with CEPI on an updated electronic form for SE 4096
    - Will work similar to the transportation form
- Program Accountability (Joanne/Nancy)
  - Still no set date for when ISD Plans will be in Catamaran
    - Guidance will be coming out at a later time
    - ISD Plan updates can be submitted to Nancy Rotarius via email
  - MiBLSi FBA/PBSP Training was just intended to build capacity, not to dictate what will be required by the department

## Karoub Update

- New lobbyist firm
- Karoub Report- sent via email and also linked to today's agenda
- Will be an update during the general membership meeting

## Current Legislation-Federal Updates

- ESEA
  - Voting today on ESEA, it's moving!
  - MAASE group put together letter this summer
    - Group is reconvening to provide to state on next steps
- IDEA Reauthorization
  - Next steps
    - Need input: What are the gaps? Do you support this work?
    - Make connections to other work that is happening at MAASE
  - Due Process-AASA document has good thinking/research
    - We support AASA's thinking
    - Does due process need to play the same role now that we have more accountability systems in place?
    - Does not result in better outcomes for students
  - Instruction-revisiting IDEA language through the lens of MTSS
    - Closing the achievement gap...align with MAASE Platform & Priorities
  - IEPs-change in practice vs. change in policy
    - Simplifying IEPs...how they are reviewed, no need to start from scratch every year
  - Full Funding-support CEC's approach
    - Need state specific data from Early Childhood CoP
  - Significant Dispro
    - Not a direct alignment to MAASE Platform & Priorities-do we even want to address this?
    - Tracking outcomes vs. tracking special education eligibility
    - Tie activities directly to problem vs. how it's currently done for CEIS
  - MOE
    - Use MAASE statement already in place

## Current Legislation-State Updates

- Critical Shortage-should move shortly, passed both chambers, needs to go back to the Senate, hope is that it will pass by the end of the year
- Seclusion & Restraint
- Early Literacy- retention piece still exists

## Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

- MAASE board appointed committee- 12 members
  - MAASE past president runs the committee
  - Worked on securing our new lobbyist contract with Karoub Associates
- Provided input to Early Literacy legislation
  - MAASE wants all retention language gone and all IEP/504 language gone
- Response to Lt. Gov. Calley's Report/Task Force- work happening
- Seclusion and Restraint Legislation
  - Created input-available on website
    - Recommendation is to not "codify" any of the legislation, doesn't need to be in policy
    - MDE Seclusion and Restraint Guidance-encouraged to follow, but cannot be enforced-recommended changes align with this document
    - Separation vs. Seclusion

## MLAS

- Happening in April...evening and the next day (typically around the LaPointe & Butler Retainer Workshop)
- Tomorrow's Spotlight
- PD for Winter Institute in February

## Association Partnerships

- Align our target with the 4 focus areas: program evaluation, specially designed instruction, highly effective staff, student evaluation/needs
- Looking for groups that are focused on the same things we are. How can we deepen/expand our connections with them?
- CEC/CASE relationships (MAASE has a liaison with both organizations)
- How do we communicate with our partners?
  - PD, white paper, position statement
- MAISA liaison is Jennifer Scott-Burton