

MAASE Finance and Legislation – notes in italics Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Welcome - please sign in. Any student visitors?

Involvement needed

- Lots of work to do! Please consider volunteering for an ad hoc committee.
 - Platform & Priorities (Virtual mtgs 10/18, 10/25 & 11/1 12:30-1:30 pm additional mtgs TBD)
 - IDEA Reauthorization (SDI, Dispute resolution, etc)

Email will be coming out requesting attendance. Please let Rachel know if you are interested in joining a group.

Communications

- OGPA SBE doc on wiki
- ESSA Accountability presentation at SBE - plan finalized in Dec, public comment Jan-Feb

1. Office of Special Education

- Administrative
- Finance (Scott Kemmer-Slater)
 - *No report*
- Program Accountability
 - *No report, two new people hired to help with complaints, still not fully staffed. Bob Hove retired, still need to replace him. Working hard on complaints.*

2. Karoub Update (Matt Kurta)

- Seclusion & Restraint
 - *Emily Laidlaw joined the Karoub team, coming to them from MAISA. She will work with Matt and Tabitha and her main focus will be anything related to K-12*
 - *Seclusion and Restraint: MAASE has taken a position on the support with the bills, we have worked with the LG office on a lot of changes, it is currently on the house floor. A number of state wide organizations have also supported. The LG and Rep Liberati are pushing for action. No house votes until November, could get into lame duck. The package may not make it to the finish line. Might be worth putting together a one page document to help communicate with representatives...it's a complicated issue, so it will be necessary to find a way to communicate in a simple way. LAC has a meeting tomorrow and the group will discuss putting something together.*
 - *HB 5796: Layoffs at ISDs get preference in local districts. Why is this in state law in the first place? There was a court case at one point that ruled staff at ISD had to be absorbed by a local district and maintain level of employment. Not sure this is going anywhere. There are a lot of various opinions on this issues, so a pause has been put on this. We will likely see it again.*

- *HB 5442: IEP Ombudsman, no co-sponsorship, so likely not going anywhere. The concept is going to be around for a while, so it would be good for us to get out ahead of it. We are unsure why this is needed given we have Michigan Alliance for Families and the OSE Help Line. This will likely come up in the next session. This is not a new concept, this came up years ago and has been resurrected.*
- *Lame Duck- nothing too big or hot button that are going to cause a lot of heartburn. However, if the house flips to democratic control, lame duck will be a nightmare.*

3. Current Issues

- 51a(14)
 - *On-going guidance from MAISA, attorneys etc – need for coordinated MAASE work?*
 - *Needs some serious discussion, it's the wild west right now, the whole state is evolving as we go, Rachel would like to develop an ad hoc committee to address this issue*
 - *Should we be doing more sharing across MAASE membership of how responses are happening?*
 - *Sometimes virtuals want money, sometime they want services from the ISD*
 - *Trying to contact the virtuals have been difficult and communication has been confusing, some want to do services themselves, which causes problems with student count*
 - *Possible option might be a 3 party agreement*
 - *eFAPE is a whole other side of this issue: What is FAPE in a virtual environment?*
 - *We should try and partner with MAISA so we do not come up with different guidance. There is some recognition that the guidance is not perfect, but that is a good reason to partner.*
 - *Some are advocating that 14 and 15 be eliminated.*
- MAISA & OSE – ongoing discussion re: Flowthrough subrecipient monitoring & state complaints
 - *Currently sharing perspectives of OSE and MAISA and how can we collaborate to get to a resolution that both can get behind.*
 - *Sub-recipient issue has some agreement in general, but not as much agreement on specifics.*
 - *State complaint process is changing, but there is opportunity for input.*
 - *Another meeting is scheduled for the end of October and several more through the end of December.*
 - *Rachel is representing Region 1 at the meeting and she is happy to take any suggestions to the group.*
 - *Possibly have a MAASE group could provide feedback...or ISD regional directors could get by regions to provide feedback.*
- Special Education Reform Task Force
 - *Diane H. is on the task form, area 4 is the focus "Problem Solving Process", no real timeline, but there appears to be a push to get a report out on the problem solving process in January*
 - *Meeting every other week for an hour and a half*
 - *LG Calley was not able to attend the last meeting and Rep. Liberati stepped in to lead the group*

4. Professional Learning

- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar (MLAS) (Wayne Abbott, Renee Thelen)

- *Planning will begin tomorrow and anyone who would like to join in planning can contact Wayne and Renee*
- Updates from CEC Special Education Legislative Summit (DC) & CASE-NASDSE Conf(Milwaukee)

5. Association Partnerships

- EO MICC Fiscal Ad Hoc work group (Tom Koepke, Andrew Rable)
 - Exploration of the feasibility of billing private insurance for early intervention services
 - Provision of differing ISD models of funding to understand the differences among them
 - Support for a study to understand how to maximize use of Medicaid for early intervention services, potentially including the larger non-School Based Services pot
 - Exploration of use of TANF dollars for early intervention services for low income families
 - Recommendation for state allocation for early intervention services
- MCEC CAN update (Carolyn Smith-Gerdes)
 - *Interest from CEC to collaborate on legislative issues*

7. Other items? Please send agenda items to rfuerer@eupschools.org .