MID-IOWA SCHOOLIMPROVEMENT CONSORTIUM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 23, 2015 – 9:00am-3:00pm

MISIC Office, Jewell, Iowa

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting of the Board of Directors for MISIC was called to order at 9:11a.m. by Karen Sandberg, Vice President.

Executive Board Members present: Karen Sandberg, Linda Carroll,

MaryDawn Schuck, Pam Vogel

Executive Board Members Absent: Jeff Herzberg, Paul Gebel

Dan Mart

Also present: Sue Beers, Executive Director

Jamie Morgan, Project Support and

Technology Coordinator

Dave Christensen, District Support Team

Nancy Lockett, District Support Team

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion by Pam Vogel, seconded by MaryDawn Schuck, to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Approve Minutes - Sept 23 meeting**

Motion by Pam, seconded by Linda to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Financial Report**

Sue shared the balance sheet from December 30, 2014. Sue shared that the Leading the ICC workshops typically break even. Discussion followed about the Leading the ICC workshop. Motion by Linda to approve the financial report, seconded by MaryDawn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Membership Update**

Sue shared about some small districts that have dropped since July 2014. They are all small districts from around the state. Most of them have been a change in administration. We have added Saydel, out of state member Douglas, WY, Southeast Webster Grand, St Paul’s of Latimer and Woodward Granger. The team talked about using the steering committee members to talk to neighboring districts that are dropping membership. Linda suggested that any time a superintendent changes we should have someone contact the new superintendent. Pam agreed that the board and steering committee members could visit or call new administrators. Sue shared that we want to be careful not to be viewed as a vendor. We are a member-based professional organization. Pam suggested doing a monthly newsletter that reminds people of upcoming events. It was suggested to add a tagline to emails that highlights that people are receiving the email because they are a member of MISIC.

1. **From the field – What’s on the horizon?**

Sue asked the board to share what is going on in their districts and around the state. Discussion followed about the Iowa Reading Research Center. Pam shared that there is a lot of frustration about MTSS and scheduling the assessments in schools. There is a big need for coordination of services to support MTSS. Discussion followed. Karen shared about a new book from Marzano called, “A Handbook for High Reliability Schools”. Discussion followed about TLC grants and PLC groups. Sue summarized that all of the discussion is that we don’t have a systems perspective for education across the state. How do we help people see the need for a systems perspective?

1. **MISIC Mission Statement and Goals**

Nancy led a discussion about the Mission Statement and Goals. The board members shared what brings them to MISIC. Several members shared about the resources that are available and the collaboration. Nancy walked them through the MISIC Goals document. Discussion followed. Nancy took notes on the document and typed up all the changes to provide a new draft for review.

1. **Partnerships**
   1. **Monoprice**

Sue shared about the meeting with Monoprice and redefining our partnership. She passed around the catalogs. They have hired a new education representative. Districts get the highest volume discount regardless of how many items they purchase. If we send them a wish list, they will make a price comparison sheet that shows how much it is from a competitor, how much it is as single item and how much MISIC members would pay.

* 1. **University of Phoenix**

Sue shared that they approached us at SAI and is offering a 10% discount in tuition. They did change the wording of the agreement from Arizona to Iowa for any legal actions.

* 1. **SWIVL/Smarter Cookie**

Jamie shared about the possible partnership with Smarter Cookie. It is a web-based program to upload videos for commenting and annotation.

* 1. **Curriculum Associates**

John Woodin is leaving NWEA and will be working with Curriculum Associates.

* 1. **NWEA**

Sue is concerned about the support we will get with John Woodin and Julia Watkins both leaving as Iowa support.

* 1. **iChoice Life**

They have a device that is similar to a FitBit. Sue asked about a discount for schools. The price point is $49. For a quantity discount they could provide them for $24. Sue asked the board if it is worth pursuing. She will see if we can get some samples to have people try them out.

* 1. **Suggestions?**

1. **Personnel Changes Across the State**

Discussion centered on personnel changes that are happening at the end of the year.

Break for lunch – 12:00pm.

Resumed meeting at 12:32pm.

Nancy shared the updated version of the Goals Document. We need a title for the document. A shortened version could be made by taking the examples out. Discussion followed. Pam suggested the title of the document be, “What is MISIC?” Nancy took notes to make more changes. We will send it out for board approval via email. Nancy will work with the graphic designer at AEA 267 to make it into a brochure.

1. **Website Redesign**

Jamie shared an updated version of the website redesign. The board made some suggestions and will send examples of websites. The MISIC team will discuss the pages and content and organization. Jamie will talk to the designer and ask her to add more visual interest to the site.

1. **Professional Development Updates**
   1. **C3 Cadres Training**

Nancy shared an update on the C3 Cadres. She shared the desired state chart with the goal of teachers having a joy and passion for teaching. It also included the dates for the summer workshops (June 23-24, June 30-July 1, July 21-22). They plan to model flipped classrooms and the inquiry process. The presentation will be anchored in the unit planner and EQuIP criteria. The participants will be asked to write one unit and coach one unit. Nancy shared that she is taking an Odell unit and using the topic of Immigration for all four units. There will be another group starting in the fall with six separate days. Discussion followed about the cadres training and the dates for the summer workshops. June 24-26 and June 29-July 1 were the suggested dates.

Nancy left the meeting at 1:45pm.

* 1. **Competency Based Trainings - Lindsay, CA**

Sue reminded them that the workshop is coming up on March 27. She asked if the price is set too high. Discussion followed about the price. MaryDawn suggested $125/person and $100 for teams of four or more. Motion by Pam to change the price as suggested by MaryDawn. Linda seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Sue shared a new document from Lindsay Unified School District. The team will send out a flier about the workshop to the steering committee and board to share with curriculum networks, superintendent groups, etc.

* 1. **EQuIP Regional Trainings and Webinars**

Dave shared about the upcoming workshops in Ottumwa, Storm Lake & Cedar Falls. Registration is up on the website. Linda asked if we could do one in Heartland AEA. Dave will work with Linda to figure out a date for a location in Heartland AEA. Sue suggested doing an introductory webinar ahead of time to generate interest.

* 1. **Odell Regional Trainings and Webinars**

Amy will be presenting this workshop in April in Osceola, Pocahontas & Cedar Falls.

* 1. **GAI Project**

Dave shared a brief update on the GAI project. They have money from GAI for 16 units with text sets at $500/unit. Marshalltown is hosting on February 17 and the other date is March 30 in Cedar Falls. This is targeted for secondary social studies.

* 1. **Leading the Iowa Core**

Sue shared that we have our 3rd part two workshop on Monday. We have done five of the part one workshops. Where do we go from here? Do we need to offer this again?

1. **Resource Updates –** This will addressed during the member webinar on Tuesday, January 27.
   1. **Math Resources Guides**
   2. **EQuIP Materials**
   3. **Odell Materials**
   4. **Resource Database**
   5. **Science & Social Studies Text Sets**
   6. **Web-based MAP Waterfall**
2. **Other Topics**
3. **Adjourn**

Motion by MaryDawn. Seconded by Linda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44p.m.

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Sue Beers, Executive Director Date

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Jamie K Morgan, Project Support/Technology Coordinator