

Maine Association of School Psychologists

GPR Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/601898677>

- **Welcome**
- **Attendees:** Jessica, Mary, Kathy, Suzanne J, Suzanne B, Hillarie, Ruth C
- **Consent Agenda (Action needed) 5 minutes**
 - Minutes from 2/9/2021: [GPR Minutes 2/9/2021](#)

Discussion: disclose dual roles - if on EB and on the committee. Will bring this to the EB and other committees.

Motion: Suzanne J - made motion to accept the minutes as is

Seconded: Hillarie

Vote: unanimous

GPR Committee Goals:

- Update Resources on the website
- Create a structure for advocacy action items.
 - Solidify paths for legislative and policy information to come to us and be filtered
 - Develop paths for disseminating information and/or tasks through listservs or other means.
- Intentionally incorporate social justice themes into all actions taken by the committee.
- Work on developing a relationship with the Maine Principals Association
- SPAW advocacy

Discussion Items:

- **Restructuring of SPY Awards (10 minutes)**

Discussion: Been 5 years and there was not a Members Services committee. SPY awards - with Hillarie will transfer to the Members Services Committee from the GPR Committee. It is a better fit under the Members Services work with acknowledging members and recognizing them for what they do. It has come a long way since we first started it 5 years ago.

Question - Hillarie will co-chair the Members Services. Looking at a co-chair for the GPR committee will be looked at a later date.

Hillarie will share with Kathy how to plan a Hall of Flags activity.

- **Listserve and email confidentiality Proposal (5 minutes)**

Discussion: People are very wary of sharing their emails. If we have something that has to go to MADSEC - contact Jill Adams, Erin - contact for the DOE. Maine.Gov has links for legislatures for counties. Let members know when we send anything to other parties. If it is something that we are for (or against) we can let members know when it is coming before the committee and if we need testimony then we would send it to our members.

- **Advocacy Action Plan (20 minutes)**

- Mockup for the website and providing information, advocacy, and links to information on the website. Need to cull resources that are in the folder - will do this individual and bring a product back to the group. There needs to be a page for advocacy and it needs to be organized and easily accessible. (2021 Website update) GPR-MASP
- Specify steps for identifying and acting on legislative bills of interest for the current session [20-21 Legislative Bills](#) [PUBLIC HEARINGS.docx](#)

- Confirmation/Public
- Which committee should be addressed
- NASP rep had a template that included: Bill, key talking points, why it is important and then member would only have to personalize it before sending (Caden Fabbi)
- Determine April work day date and members

Discussion: template to send to legislators - we have to make it easy for members. Shannon Bellows - "How to Weigh In" - Suzanne J will share the link with us. How have others done it? Suzanne - making videos (2 minutes) is also very powerful. Send a follow-up thank you note. Have our website easy to access along with an email. Suzanne B asked about postcards being sent out. What is the process to come to consensus either for or against a bill? This may be something that we can do over April break. Are we going to empower our members - without coming out as for/against a particular bill - to have their voices heard.

○ **Potential Website Headings for GPR Website (10 minutes)**

- Advocacy
- Social Justice
- SPAW - move to another area?
- For website - but maybe not under GPR (SEL, EF, RTI, ELL Hot Topics in SP)
- School Psychologist Rock Stars - showcase people? Having expertise in certain areas - get permission to share with other members
- Determine April work day date and members

Discussion - different thoughts/ideas about what this can look like. Other ideas also is the GPR where they would look for a "rock star"? Even though GPR maybe came up with an idea - it may not be GPR that actually does it. Group to meet on the 22nd in the morning - 9 to 11. Prior to - pass around templates/ideas - so there is not so much to do.

Did not get to:

- **School Psych Shortage:** Motion made to put together an action plan for how we tackle this. **10 minutes**
 - Review proposal offered by Kathy Gillis, determine action steps ([Proposal to work on shortages](#))
 - Develop survey questions (priority)
 - Contract contain +15, +30, +45 lanes
 - Teacher contract or specialist contract
 - Stipends for extra days
 - NCSP stipend
 - Contract language that impacts "advanced degree" designation
 - Unable to access NBC teacher stipend but on teacher contract
 - Teacher union does not support SP under chapter 180 True or False
 - Limited scope of practice

Discussion that this may be a multiple committee since other committees are also working on this - such as Professional Standards. GPR focus was the nuts/bolts - contracts, etc. while Professional Standards is also working on it from another angle. Advocate for all the domains of practice. Survey questions - will be done via email. What questions do we want to add to the broad member survey.

Motion: Mary - made to adjoin the meeting

Seconded: Suzanne B

Vote: unanimous

Next Meeting: April 27, 2021 @ 5:30PM