

Region VI MASSP Meeting
December 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting 1pm-2pm

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions: Name, Position and District/School:
 - a. [Shawnda Zahara, Laurel; Cameron Barber, Absorakee; Stacy Hall, Laurel HS](#)
 - b. [Jeril Hehn, West High School; Peter Hamilton, Skyview HS; Lori Dust, Park County HS; Riley Mayo, Laurel HS](#)

2. Montana Principals Conference -Jan 23-25, 2022
 - a. Registration
 - b. Hotels-Blocks of overflow rooms at surrounding hotels-GranTree is full
 - c. Looking for additional presenters to support breakout sessions in between headliner guest speakers
 - d. Headliner Speakers and events during the conference
 - e. Other discussion
 - i. [The group discussed who is attending, encouraged to reach out to others. Talked about Booking rooms early and the blocks that are available. Most administrators are attending.](#)
 - ii. [Discussed keynote speakers and virtual options for those unable to attend in person.](#)
 - iii. [No other discussion items were discussed related to this topic](#)

3. Award Deadlines December 17th
 - a. [MASSP Awards](#)
 - i. [MASSP Principal of the Year](#)
 - ii. [MASSP Community Partner in Education Award](#)
 - iii. [MASSP Future Administrator Scholarship](#)
 - b. [The group briefly discussed the awards and were asked to look at submitting nominations. There were no questions from the group.](#)
 - c.

4. COVID-19 Challenges
 - a. What are some of the challenges you are facing?
 - i. [One school saw a big surge in October in numbers. Administration has experienced many difficult situations regarding decisions from agencies and implementation of procedures at their school. Lots of stress with very little direction or support.](#)
 - ii. [Numbers in other schools have dropped significantly. Many administrators expressed concern that they don't feel supported and struggling to make the right decisions in the face of limited resources/information or political tone of communities.](#)
 - iii. [Schools are facing dropping enrollment as families choose the on-line options not associated with their public schools.](#)

- iv. Staff is stressed with some of the lingering effects of life after COVID-19.
 - b. Any tips or tricks to help maneuver the COVID waters?
 - i. Several schools are continuing proactive cleaning/spraying measures.
 - ii. Still lots of confusion with the grey areas.
- 5. Membership:
 - a. Are there any changes in leadership that have not been reflected in the MASSP Region VI mailing?
 - i. Only one member on mailing list should be on the MAEMSP group.
- 6. What would be helpful in the future for our monthly Region VI meetings?
 - a. Training?
 - i. Possibly an update related to legislature
 - 1. See if Dr. Miller might be interested in joining us.
 - b. Information?
 - i. Visible Learning Corwin-Nagel
 - 1. Updating and modernizing some of our teaching and practices
 - ii. PLCs are still active and strong in many of our districts with renewed interest popping up amongst the group
 - iii. Kim Anthony
 - iv. Several Schools are participating in the Literacy Grant from the state. They are being exposed to great PD and instructional strategies through this opportunity.
 - v. Lori Dust suggested Note taking strategies from Josh Flores as a great secondary tool.
 - 1. As well as Stronger relationships: 10 things to do to reduce apathy
 - vi. KJ shared he is looking forward to getting back to the PLC work they started and refocusing with PLC's
 - vii. Another school share that ICU work is struggling, they are facing lots of apathy.
 - viii. It was suggested that if you have an opportunity to attend the PLC summit in Phoenix that it will be worth your time. Best in the nation.
 - c. Other stuff? We really are looking to make these a valuable meeting worth attending.
- 7. How are YOU taking care of YOU?
 - a. Strategies for de-stressing during these hectic times
 - i. Stacy York "York Nation" SEL is an excellent resource currently being used by Laurel.
 - ii. Handwritten notecards are IMPORTANT! Helps you feel good when making someone else feel good.

8. SAM Executive Director position
 - a. Please share this information with your schools and people you feel would be great Executive Directors. Big shoes to fill but not impossible. It is important work for all of us. We all have a vested interest in SAM organization.

9. Other topics to discuss:
 - a. Dropouts/Transfers: Penn Foster is proving to be difficult to compete against in this post COVID era of education. Looking for ideas on how to compete with the concept.
 - b. Questions to ponder: How do we welcome them back? How do we supplement not supplant curriculum

10. Thank you everyone for attending.

Next Meeting will be in FEBRUARY 1, 2022 via ZOOM @ 1pm