MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes



Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

In attendance: Pam Meier, Craig Crawford, Shelley Andres, Mark Goyette, Kim Ray, Stacy Lemelin, Dale Olinger, Marlin Lewis, Damian Droessler, Brenda Krueger, Dave Wick, Aaron Griffin, Melinda Thompson, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

Not in Attendance: Lance Boyd, Steve Fanning, Carole McKittrick, Dick Trerise

President, Pam Meier, called the meeting to order at 9:00am

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Craig Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes; Marlin Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Legislative Update - *Kirk*

Kirk reviewed the legislative tools on the SAM website and the SAMLN19 Legislative Update 9. He referenced that Gov. Bullock has signed <u>HB 159</u> providing inflationary funding for Montana schools, however the funding formula does not include special education. Kirk referenced the OPI FY2020 Budget Data Sheets. He stated that approximately 90% of the SAM advocacy priorities have been accomplished during the session to this point with the passing of the funding bill. Kirk stated that <u>HB 638</u> (special education funding), funding for preschool, CTE funding will be the focus of the last half of the legislative session. Kirk referenced the MT-PEC Early Childhood Consensus Memo providing an option to establish funding for preschool, which is part of the SAM advocacy package. Kirk referenced the SAM Testimony Log, the SAM Followed Bills by Priority, and reviewed the following bills followed by SAM: HB 218 and HB 387 (CTE bills), HB 351 (transformational learning incentives), SB 92 (major maintenance and/or permissive levy spending for school safety), HB 211 and HB420 (recruitment and retention bills), HB 247 (ability to use major maintenance funds to repay loans for school projects). Kirk referenced the legislative update podcast that is recorded weekly and thanked MAEMSP members that are part of the SAMLN19. Dave thanked Kirk for all he has done to represent SAM during the session. He asked about the inflationary funding being viewed as the funding ceiling instead of as the floor and what MT-PEC feels about this. Kirk stated that it has taken 20 years to get inflationary funding into law. He stated that the \$70 million inflationary spending number does not meet the demands of education, but the bills that are part of the SAM advocacy package for things like CTE, Special Education funding, etc will add to the funding needs and help fill the gap. He stated that the inflationary funding issue continues to be watched closely.

- 3. MAEMSP Information and Topics of Discussion Pam
 - 2019-20 MAEMSP Board of Directors and Election Results
 - MAEMSP Vice President Nicole Trahan
 - Federal Relations Coordinator Stacy Lemelin
 - State Representative Kim Ray

 $\circ~$ North Central Region Director, Eastern Region Director, SAM Representative (replacing Dale Olinger) to be appointed.

• Leaving the MAEMSP Board: Lance Boyd, Carole McKittrick, Brenda Krueger, Dale Olinger Pam reviewed the changes in the MAEMSP board members for 2019-20. She asked for suggestions for filling the vacant positions. Kim Ray will email Pam a name of a candidate for the North Central director position. Shelley thanked Dale for his time on the MAEMSP board. Pam thanked all members leaving the board next year.

Plans for MAEMSP Reorganization Meeting - April 29, 2019 in Helena

Pam stated that more information will be coming for the reorganization meeting. It is scheduled from 9:00-4:00 on April 29th, however Kirk suggested that the meeting could start at 10:00 to give members more time for travel. Pam confirmed the meeting will take place from 10:00 - 4:00. Kirk asked that members leaving the board attend the meeting. The new board does not fill their position until after the reorganization meeting May 1. Damian stated that his duties will be changing next year in his district, so he would like to discuss his position on the MAEMSP board with Pam and Kirk.

NAESP National Conference in Spokane July 10 – 12, 2019 Pam encouraged as many members to attend as possible.

MAEMSP Strategic Plan Review

Pam reviewed the goals of the MAEMSP Strategic Plan.

4. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Directors*

Mark Goyette - North East Region - Mark reported that the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in Wolf Point.

Steve Fanning - No report

Kim Ray - North Central Region - Kim reported that a meeting will be scheduled later in the spring in Lewistown.

Stacy Lemelin - Eastern Region will be holding a meeting later in the spring.

Aaron Griffin - Western Region - Aaron reported that the January meeting was canceled, but a meeting will be rescheduled for later in the spring.

Pam thanked all of the regional directors for all that they do for MAEMSP.

5. Federal Advocacy Update – Carole, Brenda, Kirk

Brenda stated that the advocacy team will be meeting in Washington DC on March 18th. School infrastructure funding, an increase in educator tax exemptions, and IDEA funding are all areas of federal advocacy focus. Brenda mentioned the following alerts that will be sent from NAESP: Social Media Drive on March 25, raising caps on fiscal year budgets, and Title II.

6. Professional Learning Opportunities – Kirk

· <u>SAM LPLP</u> 2019-20

Kirk stated that he will be recommending to the SAM Executive Board to continue SAM LPLP 2019-20 and asked that MAEMSP board members continue to promote the program. He stated that we are finding that the work of the SAM LPLP CLNs are affecting legislation. HB 351 is an example of this.

SAM Administrators Institute 2019 – July 29-31, 2019 in Helena

Kirk asked that board members promote SAM AI during their spring region meetings. He reviewed the draft schedule and the presenters slated for the conference. Registration will be opening soon.

7. What's on Your Mind...

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Dave stated that the NAESP and NASSP officers met last week and he believes that through good discussion joint conferences will be taking place in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

Respectfully Submitted, Kimberly Scofield SAM Director of Member Services and Professional Learning