

MAEMSP Reorganization Meeting DRAFT Minutes

SAM Office • Helena • Monday, April 29, 2018

10:00am to 4:00pm • 12:00n Lunch will be provided

In attendance: Pam Meier, Craig Crawford, Stacy Lemelin, Aaron Griffith, Ben Lambert, Nicole Trahan, Dale Olinger, Barb Droessler, Brenda Krueger, Shelley Andres, Dave Wick, Kim Ray, Teresa Sprague, Carole McKittrick, , Marlin Lewis, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

UberConference: Mark Goyette

Not in attendance: Steve Fanning, Dick Trerise, Melinda Thompson, Lance Boyd, Damian Droessler

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
None noted.

Mega Issue Discussion: [2019 Legislative Session](#)

Kirk reviewed the legislative session resources on the SAM website, stating that the 22 Legislative updates created throughout the session can be found on the Legislative Update webpage. Kirk reviewed the outcome of the preschool legislation during the session highlighting HB 225 and HB 755 (a bill that would have allowed for privatization with public funds and the creation of the Dept. of Early Childhood Education) - both of which failed, SB 352 (a bill heard in a free conference committee during the last week of the session that included the language from HB 755). The MT-PEC partners stood in opposition to HB 755 and the preschool amendments in SB 352. The attempt to add Stars to Quality Preschool and Federal Preschool Grants also failed. In the end, the legislature adjourned with many positive actions for our schools, unfortunately with no preschool, but also with no bad policy developed into law regarding privatization with public funds that would cause future harm to our schools and the children we serve. The result is unfortunate in the sense that some districts will lose existing preschool programs. Kirk noted that the message to legislators against privatization with public funds was strengthened during the 2019 Legislative Session. Kirk will be preparing a final report for the session that will detail the outcome of the bills followed by SAM. Kirk reviewed the following SAM followed bills that have been signed by the Governor: HB 159 and HB 247 (A bill written by SAM that will provide greater flexibility to school districts in financing major maintenance) and the following bills that passed and are awaiting the Governor's signature: HB 351 and HB 387 which provide incentive funding for districts implementing transformational learning and CTE innovation, HB 638 (SPED appropriation), SB 92 (allows school district to spend funds from levies for school safety), HB 211 (educator loan repayment program). Kirk stated that MT-PEC is planning training sessions that will be held during SAM Administrators Institute and MCEL around leveraging the resources available to districts such as offering an early kindergarten program for students with exceptional circumstances that could be accessed through ANB funding for school board approved exceptional circumstances. Kirk noted that Head Start programs will not be affected by the current legislation. Pam thanked Kirk for his diligence in supporting the SAM Advocacy package.

3. Review of Minutes
 1. [MAEMSP MASSP Joint Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-27-19](#)

Brenda Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [MAEMSP Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-27-19](#)

Carole McKittrick made a motion to approve the minutes; Dale Olinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. [MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-5-19](#)

Marlin Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

1. Consideration of [MAEMSP Proposed Budget 2019-20](#)

Kirk reviewed the MAEMSP Financial Report and Proposed Budget 2019-20. He stated that membership renewals will begin to come in over the next few months which will increase MAEMSP's net worth. Kirk stated the MAEMSP revenue stream is greatly dependent on the Montana Principals Conference.

Dale Olinger made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Nicole Trahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appointment of MAEMSP Board members

Pam reviewed the new appointments and newly elected members to the MAEMSP Board of Directors.

3. Montana Principals Conference 2019 Report ([Evaluation](#))

Pam thanked Craig for his exceptional planning of the conference.

4. Consideration of Montana Principals Conference 2020

Gary offered the assistance of the SAM office when planning future conferences. Shelley stated that speakers have not been confirmed for the 2020 conference. She asked that region directors plan to provide door prizes for the conference which will be held January 26-28, 2020 at Fairmont. She asked that board members help promote the pre-conference to teachers and administrators. Pam suggested that attendees print programs and handouts before the conference to help reduce printing costs and reminded board members that materials are also available through the SAM Conference App.

6. New Business

1. [2019-20 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)

2. 2019-20 SAM Conference - Meeting Schedule

Kirk reviewed the schedules and referenced the MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meetings. He also highlighted the SAM Delegate Assembly, Evening of Excellence, and the DaRud Golf Tournament and invited board members to those events. Pam asked that the regional directors provide her with the names of the two delegates from each region by May 17th. Bruce Whitehead will be a delegate from the Western Region. Kirk suggested that the delegates include the MAEMSP State Coordinator and MAEMSP Federal Relations Coordinator. Kirk reviewed the newly adopted SAM Bylaws that state the process for alternates taking the place of a delegate noting that advance notice does not need to be provided, however, all delegates must attend the Delegate Assembly Caucus and new delegates must attend the New Delegate Orientation.

7. President's Report – *Pam Meier*

1. Update on MAEMSP Strategic Plan

Pam stated the current Strategic Plan 2016-2018 was revised in 2017. The Executive Board will meet to review the strategic plan.

2. MAEMSP Election and Appointment 2019 Report

3. [Membership](#)

Pam reviewed the membership report. Kirk asked that region directors help determine possible members and encourage membership. He also asked that board members encourage active membership from members who are less active.

8. President Elect's Report – *Craig Crawford*

Craig reported on the Montana Principals Conference and thanked all for the effort provide excellent professional learning opportunities for principals.

9. Vice President's Report – *Shelley Andres*

Shelley reported that the national conference will be held in July in Spokane. She thanked the SAM office for not missing a step through the office transition.

10. Past President's Report – *Lance Boyd*

11. [State Representative's Report](#) – *Carole McKittrick*

Carole referenced her report and the Zone 7 proposal concerning the State Representative schedule. Craig suggested promoting the benefits of being an MAEMSP/NAESP member to the MAEMSP membership. Brenda stated that she would like to see focused training on what to expect on the Hill while at the National Leadership Conference (NLC). Dave reviewed some of the training that has taken place at NLC over the past few years. As a new member attending NLC, Shelley stated that she would like to see more time offered instead of shortening the schedule.

12. Federal Relation Coordinator's Report – *Brenda Krueger*

Brenda reported that the group was not able to meet with Montana legislators but did meet with staffers in productive relationship building and discussion of the issues.

13. Region Director's Reports – *Regional Directors*

NE: Mark reported that a joint meeting is scheduled with MASSP later in May. The region has held a few meetings since January.

NC: Kim reported that the last meeting will be in Fort Benton on May 9th. The meeting will be held in the morning and they will golf in the afternoon.

W: Aaron reported that the January agenda will be used for the May meeting.

E: Stacy reported that the next meeting will be on Monday. Kindergarten and dyslexia discussion will be on the agenda.

14. MAEMSP Representatives Reports

1. SAM Board Representatives – *Dale Olinger & Marlin Lewis*

Dale reported that the SAM Board meeting took place in April. The SAM Office transition plan was approved and Kirk was offered a three-year contract. Dale reviewed the SAM Youth Endowment process and stated that the giving was down because there were so few nominations. He asked that board members nominate students in need next year. Marlin reported that the SAM Youth Endowment investment is going to be moved to the SAM Managed Fund Portfolio. Dale mentioned that a new SAM Business Partner was approved. He stated that not all business

partner proposals are accepted, only those that meet the SAM goals and objectives. He encouraged board members to attend SAM AI in July.

2. Middle School Representative – *Damian Droessler*
3. Retired Ad Hoc Representative – *Melinda Thompson*
4. OPI Ad Hoc Representative – *Dick Trerise*
5. NAESP Report – *Dave Wick*

Dave reported that he will begin his role as NAESP President in August. He mentioned that the Zone 7 reception will be held on Tuesday night of the national convention in Spokane. He reported that Pam has been chosen to be on the NAESP Membership Committee. Dave reported that Ann Henley from the NAESP office recently passed away and a conference scholarship will be established in her honor. Louisville will be the site of the 2020 national convention. Dave stated that communication with NASSP has been going well and joint conferences will probably be held after 2021. Dave congratulated Marlin for being selected as the Montana National Distinguished Principal. He congratulated the new board members for being part of a board and having the opportunity to build strong relationships with other board members.

15. Advocacy Update – *Bruce Whitehead, MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*

1. MAEMSP Delegate Selection for Delegate Assembly will be appointed by the MAEMSP president for consideration of the SAM Board at the June 13, 2019 meeting.

16. [Executive Director's Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referenced the report and highlighted the great progress being made on the SAM Strategic Plan. Kirk reviewed the SAM Business Partners highlighting MUST/MSSF and the many benefits of the trust. He mentioned that trust could help with costs for health benefits that districts accrue for their staff. SAM and MT-PEC partners plan to continue researching the benefits of a joint trust for MT school districts. Kirk asked that board members thank business partner for their support when they see them at conferences. Brenda thanked the SAM office for turning the financial status of SAM around over the past few years by gaining many more SAM Business Partners. Kirk referenced the ESSA Report Card that was released on April 15th, broadband for Montana schools, negotiated rulemaking committees, and SB 410 and the Espinoza court case, which upheld the decision that public funds will not be dispersed to private religious entities, has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kirk reviewed the SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program highlighting the benefits of the program for both new and experienced administrators by providing a coach/mentor, resource center, and collegial learning networks focused on specific topics of interest. He stated that the Transformational Learning CLN and Trusted Learning Environment CLN were both instrumental in driving the dialogue to create current legislation. Kirk stated that the superintendent association (MASS) board of directors voted to pay the fee for all new superintendents to participate in SAM LPLP. META has also approved to pay the registration fee for TLE CLN members to continue to participate. Kirk asked that board members encourage other principals to participate. Kirk encouraged members to attend SAM AI 2019 and reminded them that attendance is a responsibility of MAEMSP board members. Kirk reviewed the implementation of the SAM office transition plan.

17. MAEMSP Board Reorganization

1. Recognition of outgoing Board members – *Lance Boyd, Carole McKittrick, Brenda Krueger, Dale Olinger*
2. Seating new Board members – *Nicole Trahan, Kim Ray, Stacy Lemelin, Teresa Sprague, Ben Lambert, Barbara Droessler*
3. Recognition of outgoing President
4. Seating of the new President

Craig stated that his charge to the MAEMSP Board of Directors is go after the 5% of MT principals who are not members and to encourage members to attend the Montana Principals Conference.

18. Adjournment

Dale Olinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marlin Lewis seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Scofield

Director of Member Services and Professional Learning

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