

MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

10:00 – 11:00 AM



Join [SAM Zoom](#)

Purpose: To increase effective communication with MASSP leadership to support regional meeting discussion of contemporary education issues

In attendance: Shawn Hendrickson, Justin Helvik, KJ Poepping, Sheri Heavrin, Dustin Gordon, Rhiannon Beery, Matt Torix, Shawnda Zahara-Harris, Jason Slater, Joel Graves, Kirk Miller, Marcus Meyer, Kim Scofield

President Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Items for Discussion/Action – MASSP President Shawn Hendrickson, Presiding

1. Introductions – Welcome New Board members
2. Consideration of [MASSP Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes 6-11-21](#) [Action]
Justin Helvik made a motion to approve the minutes; Shawnda Zahara-Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. [MASSP/NASSP Assistant Principal of the Year Award - Nominations/Applications are due by October 1, 2021](#)
Shawn encouraged board members to submit a nomination for the award and to encourage their region members to nominate an assistant principal.
4. SAM Awards - [G.V. Erickson Award - Nominations are due by October 1, 2021](#) & [Erdie Memorial Scholarship - Applications are due by October 1, 2021](#)
Kirk described the awards stating that the G.V. Erickson Award is open to all SAM members. The award recognizes the person who has done the most for education in the given year. Shawn described that the Erdie Memorial Scholarship is intended for an aspiring administrator. He encouraged board members to submit a nomination and to encourage their region members to nominate a deserving candidate.
5. Montana Principals Conference 2022 Update
Shawn reported that he and Ted Miller, MAEMSP President Elect, have met several times to plan the conference schedule for January 23- 25, 2022. He stated that the conference is currently being planned as a virtual conference unless the conditions of COVID improve. If the conference is held in-person, it will be held at the GranTree in Bozeman and a virtual option will be offered. Shawn stated that the and Ted are working with several speakers.
6. Consideration of filling vacant MASSP Region 1 Director Position discussion
Shawn stated that he will appoint a new board member to this position after he has contacted someone who may be interested. He will continue to help with creating the agendas and talking points for the Region 1 meetings.
7. Using the [MASSP Regional Information](#) webpage
Shawn described the information posted on the webpage asking region directors to email meeting agenda, minutes, and resources to Kim at samks@sammt.org. He encouraged region directors to review the [MASSP Regional Information from Previous Years](#) for possible agenda topics.
8. National Principals Month in October – planning ideas
Kirk reported that the SAM office would post the National Principals Month information from NASSP and NAESP on the website for region directors to share with their region members and encourage them to celebrate the principals in their districts. SAM is encouraging members to

change the dialogue around public schools to attempt to get community members to recognize the great value of the public school in their community. National Principals Month is a perfect opportunity to promote this positive dialogue. Shawn suggested that SAM send National Principals Month information to MASS members. He encouraged board members to read the op-ed that Kirk wrote last week in support of Montana public schools.

9. [MASSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report.

Reports

10. President's Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

Shawn reported that if the Montana Principals Conference is held in person, he and Ted are planning to have live bands on Sunday and Monday, and trivia/social event on Sunday. The proceeds of the corn hole tournament will benefit the SAM Youth Endowment. He encouraged region directors to reach out to members who have not renewed their membership. He asked that region directors share Kirk's open letter to Montanans and award information at their region meetings. Kirk stated that even though SAM conferences are being planned to be held virtually, region meetings could be held in person or through a blended delivery. Marcus stated that the deadline for deciding if the conference can be held in person is based on the contract with the venue. He reported that all speakers have agreed to present either virtually or in-person.

11. President-Elect Report – *KJ Poepping*

KJ reported that following the conference, the MASSP and MAEMSP boards will decide if they want to continue to hold a joint conference. He will work with Marcus at the SAM Office to begin planning the 2023 conference.

12. Vice President Report – *Sheri Heavrin*

Sheri reported that she is looking forward to Jason Slater serving as Region I director. She thanked the SAM organization, SAM Office, MASSP, and Region III members for the camaraderie she has experienced, especially as the job of principal becomes more difficult. The goal her staff has adopted for the year is to thrive instead of to just survive.

13. State Coordinator's Report – *Joel Graves*

Joel reported that he is currently learning the job of State Coordinator. He has been attending meetings with NASSP.

14. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Joel Graves, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*

Joel reported that the recruitment /retention and infrastructure bills are the current topics on the advocacy front.

15. Regional Director Reports

- Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius
No report
- Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield
Dustin reported that he is currently contacting region members and planning a meeting in the next few weeks. He is hoping to recruit a principal to serve as the Region 2 Director.
- Region 3 *Jason Slater* – Manhattan
Jason reported that Region 3 is meeting today. He is looking forward to continuing working with this tight-knit group.
- Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville
Rhiannon reported that Region 4 is meeting today and will plan their schedule for the year. They are planning a virtual delivery model for their meetings. She asked for suggestions for getting new members to attend meetings. Shawn stated that he made personal phone calls to new members to encourage them to attend meetings.
- Region 5 *Matt Torix* – Colstrip

Matt reported that he will be scheduling a meeting for some time in the next few weeks. He stated that his goal is to increase membership and communicate the value of involvement in meetings.

- Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel

Shawnda reported that she is planning a meeting on September 28, 2021, at 1:00 and planning monthly meetings with possible in-person meetings a few times throughout the year.

16. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referenced the report inviting board members to review the document for information on everything happening at SAM.

17. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2021-22 & Conferences 2021-22](#) and [SAM Web Calendar](#)

The next MASSP Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

18. What's on Your Mind ...

19. Adjournment

Joel Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting; KJ Poepping seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Scofield

Director of Professional Learning and Member Services