

MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

10:00 – 11:00 AM



In attendance: Justin Helvik, Shawn Hendrickson, Jake Haynes, K.J. Poepping, Sheri Heavrin, Paul Furthmyre, Shawnda Zahara-Harris, Rhiannon Beery, Dustin Gordon, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Shelley Weight

President Justin Helvik presiding.

President Helvik called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Items for Discussion/Action – MASSP President Justin Helvik, Presiding

1. Introductions – Welcome New Board members
Justin welcomed new board members, Rhiannon Beery and Shawnda Zahara-Harris and asked board members to introduce themselves.
2. Consideration of [MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting Minutes 4-16-20](#) [Action]
Jake Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes; Shawn Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. [MASSP/NASSP Assistant Principal of the Year Award](#) - Nominations/Applications are due by October 1, 2020
Justin encouraged board members to submit a nomination for a deserving Assistant Principal.
4. SAM Awards - [G.V. Erickson Award](#) - Nominations are due by October 1, 2020 & [Erdie Memorial Scholarship](#) - Applications are due by October 1, 2020
Justin encouraged board members to submit nominations for deserving candidates.
5. NASSP National Principals Conference 2020 cancellation impact on MASSP Conference *Incentive Award winners – Resolve how to make this fair for winners discussion*
Justin stated that he would like MASSP to send Sheri Heavrin next year since she was unable to attend this year. Paul stated that the conference will be in Denver, so Sheri and another incentive winner could possibly go since it will be less expensive than if the conference were held in DC. Paul stated that the Region VII meeting is cancelled for this fall so MASSP will save the funds normally spent on that conference.

Paul Furthmyre made a motion to send both the 2020 and 2021 incentive winners to the 2021 conference; Dustin Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Consideration of filling vacant MASSP Region 1 Director Position discussion
Shawn stated that he has been trying to find someone to fill the position, but has not gotten any responses. Kirk stated that increasing the number of participants on the board is beneficial to the organization. Jake suggested that he and Shawn schedule a region meeting and try to recruit a director at that time.

7. MASSP New Board Member Orientation discussion
Kirk stated that the usual process of the board is to schedule a New Board Member Orientation. The meeting would take place online with the new members and the officers. The SAM office will send a Doodle poll to schedule a time for this meeting.

8. Montana Principals Conference 2021 status discussion
Justin opened the discussion stating that the conference venue can only socially distance 70 attendees. Jake suggested moving the conference to April, as it was in the past. Shawn suggested holding the conference in more than one location to allow social distancing. Paul stated that his district has decided not to spend funds on staff professional development and other districts may have the same policy this year. Justin suggested a hybrid model - offering both in-person and live streaming.

Kirk stated that hosting separate conferences will require finding facilities that would be available at that time and could offer proper social distancing. He stated that SAM was successful in offering a virtual conference during SAM Administrators Institute. He added that the board should consider the message that is sent to community members when choosing to hold a face to face conference. The board agreed and understand that a face to face conference may not be feasible this year. Shawn asked about how the award presentation, board meetings, etc. would take place. Kirk explained that all of these events could be done virtually. Jake suggested scheduling a shorter conference if it is held virtually.

After the discussion, the board recommended holding a shorter, more condensed virtual conference in January. The Board asked Kirk to share this recommendation of the MASSP Board with the MAEMSP Board at their board web meeting scheduled for September 29. Following that meeting, the MASSP board would like to schedule a joint meeting with MAEMSP, with at least the President and President-Elect from each organization to discuss the status of the 2021 Montana Principals Conference.

9. Using the MASSP Regional Information webpage
Kirk reviewed the webpage and encouraged directors to send information that they would like posted on the webpage to Kim (samks@sammt.org) at the SAM office. He also encouraged the Regional Directors to use the region webpage as a source of information for their regions and regional meetings.

10. NASSP Voter Registration Campaign - [NASSP DoSomething OVRD Overview 090320 Final.pdf](#).
Justin encouraged directors to send this information to members in their region.

11. National Principals Month in October – planning ideas
Paul encouraged board members to invite local legislators to spend time in their buildings in October.

12. [MASSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report. He stated that as MASSP President, Justin represents MASSP by serving on the SAM Investment/Finance Committee.

Reports

- President's Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin asked Kirk to provide a membership report. Kirk reviewed the [current report](#) and stated that the shared MASSP region member google sheets will go out to the region directors soon.

- President Elect Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*
See Region 1 report below.
- Vice President Report – *KJ Poepping*
KJ reported that he will be working on creating a list of MASSP members who plan to retire at the end of the year.
- State Coordinator’s Report – *Paul Furthmyre*
Paul reported that the Region VII meeting may be in Montana in two years. NASSP is attempting to track district reopening plans across the country. Paul reminded board members that the Governor’s COVID relief funds need to be spent by December 31st and the ESSER funds by 2022.
- MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*
Paul reported that Delegate Assembly met in July and approved the SAM Advocacy Priorities for the 2021 Legislative session. The SAM Legislative Network will be forming prior to the session.

18. Regional Director Reports

- Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius
Shawn reported that a region meeting will be scheduled soon. He has been working with Gary to ensure all members have paid their dues.
- Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield
No report.
- Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend
No report.
- Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville
Rhiannon reported that the first meeting for Region 4 is scheduled for September 24th and will be held virtually.
- Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth
No report.
- Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel
Shawnda reported that she is scheduling a Region 6 meeting soon that will be held virtually.

19. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk invited board members to review the SAM Update that is organized around Leadership Involved in Decisions that Impact Education, Advocacy, and Professional Learning & Services.

20. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2020-21 & Conferences 2020-21](#)

21. What’s on Your Mind ...

Justin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all they are doing in their schools.

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

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