



MASSP Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, January 26, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Room 107

In attendance: Jake Haynes, Peter Hamilton, Justin Helvik, Shawn Hendrickson, Shelley Weight, Paul Furthmyre, Shawn Bleth, K.J. Poepping, Michelle Paine, Cade Duran, Dustin Gordon, Sheri Heavrin, Guests: Peter Kruszynsky (NASSP President), Cade Duran (MASC Student Ambassador), Jane Suberg (MASC Advisor), Michelle Paine (MASSP MASC Liaison)

President Jake Haynes presiding. Jake called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

Agenda

1. Joint MASSP MAEMSP Board Meeting

2. Review of Minutes

a. [MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting Minutes 12-3-19](#) [Action]

Peter Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes; Dustin Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. [MASSP Financial Report FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 as of 12-31-19](#)

Jake discussed the MASSP budget and talked about the conversation that was had earlier in the day at the SAM Board Meeting. All looked well to the board. Michelle Paine asked about the joint conference thoughts and if that was something that others thought would be good moving into the future. Paul Furthmyre stated that he thought MASSP attendance has increased with the conference being jointly held. Shawn Bleth discussed the location being a deterrent with Fairmont being the location and too far for the Eastern state folks to attend. Really thinks we need to look at a new location.

b. [MASSP Business Meeting 1-27-20](#) Agenda Review

Jake Haynes made sure folks are prepared to present. A detailed report is important so that the membership knows of the great work that is being done throughout the state. Jake Haynes and Peter Hamilton mentioned that KJ will need to be ready to give his candidate speech.

c. [MASSP Strategic Plan](#) Update

Jake Haynes mentioned that the strategic plan looks good and that if any Board Members had any thoughts on this topic, it would be great to relay that message to the rest of the members and then to the SAM Office. Nothing was discussed further.

4. President's Report – *Jake Haynes*

Working with speakers getting things organized. Talked about the opportunities to interact at the conference and get a feel for what other members are going through. Mentioned the great budget that

MASSP has and talked about the changing of the guard for Shawn Bleth's region. Shawn will let us know when the decision is made. Jake Haynes touched base on all of the below items and encouraged folks to take part in the great opportunity that they have in front of them. Jake also gave a shout out to Joel Graves, Katie Laslovich and Hannah Neiskens for their national articles that were published.

a. [Membership](#)

Jake touched very quickly on the membership and how MASSP continues to grow. Need to encourage others to get involved and join SAM and affiliate.

b. [National Principals Conference 2020](#) – July 7-9, 2020 National Harbor, MD

c. [SAM Administrators Institute 2020](#) – July 27-29, 2020 Helena Delta Hotel by Marriott

d. [MASSP Financial Report as of 12-31-19](#)

e. Officers confirm the New Region Directors by the end of the school year

f. MASSP in the national news – [Graves](#), [Laslovich](#), [Neiskens](#)

5. President Elect Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin thanked everyone for their support in the of the year award winners. Discussed planning of speakers for the next year. Wants to work with the board.

a. Awards

Shelley Weight discussed the voting process and how the letters are written. Wants to have a better way of actually knowing the individual and how well the letters are written. Was discussion on how the processes have changed over the years. Knowing a certain candidate makes it hard to select a winner and feels like it would be nice to have a better understanding of the candidates and their contributions. Peter mentioned the nomination process is great how it is and does not want any change. Suggested people reaching out and learning more about the individual. Jake also mentioned how the nominations have grown over the years. Possibly add an agenda item for next meeting to continue the strong discussion.

b. NASSP Conference Incentive Award 2020

c. MASSP (Montana) Principals Conference 2021 Planning

Justin mentioned wanting to get the Boards thoughts on a great speaker to help get attendee registration to an all time high.

6. Vice President Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

a. Retirements

Referenced the retirees and that we need to do a better job on finding out who is actually going to be retiring so we can honor them.

b. [MASC Executive Committee Report](#) – *Cade Duran, MASC Student Ambassador*

This topic was moved to the first part of the agenda so that Cade and Jane Suberg could get on the road and back home. Cade introduced himself and thanked all for the time. Thanks all for the contribution that MASSP has made annually for training and learning. Discussed the annual conference that MASC puts on. Explained the protocol for election of positions and how he was elected as an ambassador in Montana. Last conference in 2019 was in October and was well attended. Very affordable for all attendees and was eye opening for all. Discussed the student seat on the Board of Public Education. Looking to fill the position that is open to all

high school students. One of only 16 states that has a high school student sitting on the board of public education. Next MASC conference will be in Glendive.

7. Past President's Report – *Peter Hamilton*

a. Membership Service Pins

Thanked SAM for their efforts coordinating this event.

b. Nominating Committee for Vice President

Nominating KJ. Asked him to make sure he has a speech for the Business Meeting the following day. The membership likes to know why this certain candidate wants to run and be part of the MASSP Board.

8. State Coordinator's Report – *Paul Furthmyre*

a. NASSP Region VII

Paul mentioned the small amount of information that has been reported to the state. He let the folks know that Montana will host the meeting in 2 years and that attendance would be greatly appreciated. Mentioned the search for a new NASSP Executive Director for next year. This is an important topic for MT to be represented well at the national level. Board Source is the software that they are using for the meticulous process. Peter Krusynski touched base on the process and how things will happen and released to the public when the selection is completed.

b. [NASSP Advocacy Conference 2020](#) – March 23-25, 2020 Washington DC

Paul talked about the structure of attendance and how that has changed this upcoming year. He talked about the process to get connected with the folks in DC and creating a voice for the state of MT. Mentioned the easy method of submitting information on the NASSP website. Peter said you can connect via Twitter, Phone call or email to connect with the senators.

9. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*

Simple, but large this year. Referenced the Legislative Week in Helena last week and how Teacher Recruitment/Retention and Special Ed funding are important topics. Let board members know to get information to Kirk to have ready for Delegate Assembly. Dustin Gordon mentioned the Espinoza case and where we are at and briefs submitted by lawyers. Again, Paul and Peter guided folks to the SAM Website for more information.

10. Regional Director Reports

Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn mentioned the membership was up and very involved. First meeting of the year at Flathead HS. 16 Principals showed up for the meeting. Next meeting is in February at Big Sky High School. Wanting to grow the Missoula interaction and would like them to be involved with the membership.

Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin said they met in the fall and hoped to meet at Christmas...meeting didn't take place.

Mentioned their regionalized academic challenge and the great successes they have had with this

event. Mentioned Courtney Bake's Fairfield Blue Ribbon School. Discussed the AA threat assessment level training in Great Falls.

Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater – Townsend

Sheri shared that 8-10 Principals that usually attend regional meetings. A wide variety of topics are discussed in the meetings with rotating locations. Just finished a January meeting with their ADs, discussing the MHSA proposals.

Region 4 *Shawn Bleth* – Malta

Shawn talked about their meetings east of Wolf Point and that their attendance has been great. Kris Minard came and talked to the region and said it was powerful information about Vaping and that if others are interested, it was a great use of their time.

Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth

Shelley said that Region 5 is lacking for participation and that face-to-face meetings are small turnouts. Email conversations have proven to be better. She wants to possibly continue to use the internet to connect and the attendance has been much greater.

Region 6 *K. J. Poepping* – Shepherd

K.J. referenced the small turnouts, 8-10. Trying to get more involved and pick their brains once these new folks get involved. They have had the same faces involved and that the changing of the guards is soon to happen and that we need to get the youthful administrators involved so that the tradition continues.

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

Kirk will talk about this tomorrow at the Business Meeting.

12. Other – From the Board

Nothing from the Board. Peter Krusynski mentioned the similarities between MASSP and the national level and other states. All of the challenges that were described tonight are happening all over the country and in other states. He thinks MASSP has a strong presence. Peter Krusynski mentioned that Zoom meetings would be a possibility for regional members to reach out to NASSP for them to present to their meetings.

Dustin booked a Steered Straight - Michael Deleone. Addresses vaping and marijuana. Student body reacted very well to the presentation.

13. Adjournment

Peter Hamilton made a motion to adjourn; Dustin Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM