

MASSP Board Web Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm



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

President Helvik called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

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

1. Introductions
2. Consideration of [MASSP MAEMSP Joint Board Web Meeting Minutes 12-1-20](#) [Action]
Dustin Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes; K.J. Poepping seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. [2021 Montana Principals Conference](#) Update – *Justin*
Justin reviewed the conference agenda stating that approximately 200 people attended the first day. He commented that the speakers have been fantastic. A breakdown of the final revenue/expenses will be presented at the next meeting.
4. [MASSP Business Web Meeting Agenda 1-26-21](#) Review – *Justin*
Just reviewed the agenda for the business meeting.
5. MASSP Awards Update – *Shawn*
Shawn provided an overview of the presentation that had taken place earlier in the day at Frenchtown High School to announce that Jake Haynes has been named as the 2021 Montana Principal of the Year. Board members congratulated Jake.
6. MASSP Retirees and Recognition Plans Update – *K.J.*
K.J. reported that retirees were honored during the award presentations at the conference.
7. MASSP Elections Update – *Jake*
Jake reported that he will review the election process at the business meeting and encourage members interested in serving as MASSP Vice President to contact Justin.
8. Consideration of filling vacant MASSP Region 1 Director Position discussion
Shawn reported that no candidates have shown interest. The board will continue to work to fill this position before next year.
9. Public Schools Week is February 22-26 – planning ideas discussion (social media toolkit possible idea to share sample messages/graphics: <https://learningfirst.org/social-media-toolkit>)

Kirk reviewed the social media toolkit and encouraged board members to use these resources during Public Schools Week especially this year, a legislative year, to promote the great work that is being done in Montana's public schools each day. Justin encouraged board members to share the information with their region members.

10. [MASSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report stating that the report does not include conference revenue/expenses. Gary added that the conference expenses are approximately \$13,000 and the revenue is approximately \$51,000. The revenue and expenses will be divided based on the affiliate of each attendee: 63% MAEMSP and 37% MASSP. The profit for MASSP will be approximately \$15,000.

11. [MASSP Membership Report](#)

Kirk reported that the membership of MASSP has matched last year's membership with 218 members and SAM is approaching 1100 members, which is a record membership.

Reports

1. President's Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin reported that he is pleased with the first day of the conference and tomorrow features great presenters also. He stated that his school is getting ready to open with 1200 of their 1500 students being on-site later this week.

2. President Elect Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

Shawn asked if Kirk recommended that the board look at the possibility of holding a joint conference in 2022 until the next board meeting. Kirk recommended that the board wait until after the revenue/expenses come in and are presented to the board at the next meeting to make a decision. Gary stated that the SAM office will plan for future conferences to include a hybrid model. He has contracts held with the Delta in Helena, Fairmont Hot Springs, and the GranTree in Bozeman. However the GranTree does not accommodate the number of attendees necessary for a joint conference. Gary will research the possibility of holding the conference at two side-by-side hotels.

3. Vice President Report – *KJ Poeping*

K.J. reported that he contacted several retirees who were able to connect during the award portion of the conference.

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

Paul encouraged board members to consider signing the NASSP Federal Policy Agenda Petition that currently has 731 signatures from around the country. He encouraged board members to also participate in the NASSP call to action on closing the homework gap - assisting students who do not have reliable internet access. The NASSP Advocacy Conference will be held virtually on April 20th. The virtual Capitol Hill Day is scheduled for April 21st. He asked board members interested in participating to submit their name to Kirk and himself. Paul reported that the Region VII meeting will be held in Boise next year and Montana the following year. Paul announced that he will be stepping

down as the State Coordinator and also as the MASSP representative to the SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee.

5. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*
Paul reported that the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee (DASC) has met to discuss the bills regarding unions and right to work. The DASC has decided that SAM will have a neutral stance on these bills. Justin thanked Paul for all he has done to represent MASSP on the national level and also on the DASC.

6. Regional Director Reports

- Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn reported that the next meeting will be at the beginning of March. The past two meetings have had good attendance.

- Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin reported that the region met in December. The region plans to give two \$500 scholarships again this spring. Several members serve in dual roles as superintendent and principals. Many of these members have expressed that they prefer to participate in the MASSP Region 2 meetings. The region members discussed the conference, advocacy, the resources available on the SAM website, HB 351 - transformational learning.

- Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend

Sheri reported that the region members meet monthly. Attendance has increased since meeting remotely. The meeting agendas are based on the current needs of the members. They continue to be a constant source of support for each other.

- Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville

Rhiannon reported that the region members have continued to meet monthly virtually. They have been working on the development of an aspiring principal scholarship to launch this spring to offer to Region 4 aspiring principals. They are hoping to meet face to face in February.

- Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth

Shelly reported that the region members have continued to meet monthly virtually to discuss what is happening in each principal's district.

- Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel

Shawnda reported that she is hoping to schedule monthly meetings. On the next agenda, she would like to discuss several legislative issues with region members.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk invited board members to review the document. He highlighted the following:

- [COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage](#) on the SAM website. He recently posted the [Vaccination Task Force meeting notes](#) from this morning's meeting. He stated that distribution plans vary for each county. He stated that even though some educators in the state have been vaccinated, the 1C level priority group that includes many educators are not scheduled to receive vaccinations until mid-spring.
- Kirk also highlighted the document listing the [ESSER funds distribution for each district](#).
- He reviewed the [2021 Legislative Session](#) resources on the SAM website, including the weekly schedule, legislative update, and podcast that are continuously updated and sent to the SAM Legislative Network each Friday. He stated that a weekly Lunch and Legislate is scheduled each Monday from 12:00 - 12:30. He provided an overview of HB 143 that would provide incentives

for increasing starting teacher pay. He reviewed the categories used for organizing the 371 bills that SAM is currently tracking.

- Kirk stated that the [SAM Youth Endowment](#) applications are open until March 2, 2021. He encouraged board members to share this information with their region members.

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

The next MASSP board meeting is March 24, 2021 at 10:00 via Zoom.

9. What's on Your Mind ...

Kirk reported that this is SAM's 50th anniversary. We are hopeful that the SAM Administrators Institute will be held in person in July with a virtual option. The Delegate Assembly, Evening of Excellence and SAM Board Meeting scheduled for June will also hopefully be held in person. All affiliate spring conferences will more than likely be held virtually.

Jake thanked Justin and the SAM office for all of their work on the conference.

10. Adjournment

K.J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shelly Weight seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03.

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