

MASSP Business Meeting Agenda 1-26-21



Tuesday, January 26, 2021

10:00 – 11:00 am

Virtually through the SAM Website

President *Justin Helvik* Presiding

President Helvik called the meeting to order at 12:46pm

Agenda

1. Approval of [MASSP Business Meeting Minutes 1-27-2020](#)

Dustin Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes; Shelly Weight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. President's Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin reported that the conference was a success with a great turnout of attendees. He stated that because the conference was held virtually we were able to generate a large amount of revenue without having major expenses. He referred to Gary Wagner to clarify the amount of revenue. Gary reviewed the revenue/expenses and reported that MASSP will make approximately \$15,000 on the conference.

- Introduction of Special Guests -
No special guests were in attendance.

- [Membership](#)

Justin quickly reviewed the MASSP Membership report and reported that both MASSP and SAM are at an all-time high membership, thanks to the SAM Office.

- [MASSP Finance Report](#)

Justin reviewed the finance report stating that the MASSP budget does not accurately show the revenue for the Principals Conference and that investments have done very well. Gary stated that things look good as far as the MASSP budget.

- [National Principals Conference 2020](#) – July 14-17, 2021 Aurora, CO

Justin shared information about the conference stating that Sheri Heavrin will attend since she was not able to attend last year due to cancellations.

3. President Elect Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

- Awards

Shawn Hendrickson discussed that Jake Haynes was selected as the 2021 Principal of the Year. A sincere congratulations was given to Jake for his recognition. Shawn also mentioned the Assistant Principal of the Year, Tyson Tucker.

- NASSP Conference 2021 Incentive Award Presentation

No incentive award was presented this year due to no nominations received.

- MASSP (Montana) Principals Conference 2022 Planning

Shawn discussed that we will plan to have a hybrid option for the 2022 MT Principals Conference and are currently looking for a location. Bozeman has been a request but we need to find a location that has the capacity to accommodate our needs and has the space to make it work. He stated that a joint conference would be best as the speaker fees are more reasonable and can make for a more successful event.

4. Vice President Report – *KJ Poepping*

K.J reviewed the retirees and the awards presentation.

- MASC Report – *Michele Paine*

Michelle was not in attendance but Shelley Weight gave a quick report. She stated that due to COVID there will be no State Conference. The association is looking forward to the Fall.

5. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Member*

Paul encouraged members to review Kirk’s Advocacy Report that is part of the SAM Update. He asked members to join the SAM Legislative Network stating that there is nobody better than principals to reach out to legislators. Paul stated that SAM and Kirk have been leading the way as far as Legislative information goes.

6. State Coordinator Report – *Paul Furthmyre*

Paul reported that he met with NASSP earlier this morning. He encouraged members to consider signing the NASSP Federal Policy Agenda Petition. He mentioned that those signatures will be presented to Montana congressional delegates (Tester, Rosendale, Daines), and the rest of the Biden Administration. 799 signatures are currently on the petition as of now. He encouraged members to visit the NASSP website and the NASSP Advocacy webpage. Paul reported the importance of the NASSP Advocacy Conference on April 20th which is an opportunity to connect and learn about the Federal Legislators. Paul also mentioned that Miguel Cardona will soon be confirmed as the Education Secretary at the Department of Education. Once confirmed, we will receive answers to questions about testing and waivers. Paul referred to the ESSER funds that will be disbursed to districts as part of the FY 2021 budget package. There will be a slight increase in all areas. Paul stated that he will be stepping down as State Coordinator and Delegate Assembly Steering Committee. Kirk thanked Paul for his service and efforts.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referred to the SAM Update that he presented prior to this meeting. He encouraged members to visit the [2021 Legislative Session webpage](#) on the SAM website in order to stay current with what is happening throughout the session. He invited members to attend the SAM Lunch and Legislate session that is scheduled for each Monday at noon.

8. Update on regional happenings – *Regional Directors*

• Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn reported that Region 1 will hold their third meeting in March. He stated that he is happy to have the Principal of the Year for the last three years be a Region 1 member. He stated that the intent this year was to have all regions nominate a Principal of the Year and four of the six regions submitted a nomination.

• Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin reported that the region members met on December 16th. They continue to meet either in person or virtually. The region plans to give two \$500 scholarships again this spring. The region members worked to promote the conference as well as they could as they were hoping for great attendance. He has continued to support and communicate the legislative information coming from the SAM Office. They have also reviewed the SAM website at their meetings so members know where they can access materials for Advocacy. Strategic planning has also been part of the meeting discussions.

• Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend

Sheri reported that they have been meeting on a regular basis with a large number of principals in attendance. Meetings have been held with an open agenda to discuss current member needs during these times. The support between region members has been very impactful.

• Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville

No report.

• Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth

Shelly reported that they have their third meeting coming up. They have been exchanging ideas for staff motivation and other COVID related issues. Shelly has also promoted the SAM Legislative Network and encouraging members to get involved.

• Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel

Shawnda said that Region 6 tried to meet in late October and then she got COVID so unable to hold a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th. She hopes to have good attendance so they can discuss the changes coming to their area as a result of COVID.

9. MASSP Candidate Forum – *Jake Haynes, MASSP Past President*

Jake reported that they are looking for a Vice President and that no one at this time has shown interest. Justin mentioned that someone sent him an email and is interested and an appointment will be made at a later date. Jake stated that the return is much greater than the work you put into a leadership position on the board.

- Candidates for Vice President

10. New Business

None noted.

11. Adjournment

Dustin Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shawn Hendrickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Wagner
Director of Operations, Finance & Membership

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