

MASSP Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020

12:15 - 1:30 pm

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort – B,S,P Ballroom



President Jake Haynes Presiding. Jake called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

Agenda

1. Approval of [MASSP Business Meeting Minutes 1-28-19](#)

Joel Graves made a motion to approve the minutes; Justin Helvik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. President's Report – *Jake Haynes*

Jake mentioned the great opportunity to grow with the affiliate and create relationships and help plan conferences. Mentioned the MT Principals Conference next year in Helena at the Delta Marriott. Encouraged members to talk with Justin about conference ideas. Mentioned having Monday of the conference being a PIR day for folks throughout the state so that they might not have to miss any additional work days.

- Introduction of Special Guests

Jake introduced Peter Kruszynski, NASSP President. Thanked him for taking the time to visit MT and be part of the 2020 MT Principals Conference.

- [Membership](#)

Walked the attendees through the membership report and discussed the numbers that are up this year. Encouraged folks to continue to build the membership and grow.

- [MASSP Finance Report](#)

Jake Haynes mentioned how the budget looks strong. Referred to the DA Davidson report at the SAM Investment/Finance Committee meeting and the successes we have had over the years with our Managed Funds Portfolio.

- [National Principals Conference 2020](#)

July 7-9, 2020 National Harbor, MD

Referenced the conference and the connections you can make at these events.

- [SAM Administrators Institute 2020](#)

July 27-29, 2020 Helena Delta Hotel by Marriott

Asked folks to come and attend and try to bring a large crew with them. Stressed the importance of growing this event and helping the overall budget. Mark the calendar.

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

Jake made a quick reference to these three articles published recognizing Montana principals.

3. President Elect Report – *Justin Helvik*

- Awards

Justin mentioned the process briefly and how we will handle the awards.

- NASSP Conference 2019 Incentive Award Presentation – *Jim Browning, Columbus*

Jim was not present to give the report.

- MASSP (Montana) Principals Conference 2021 Planning
Asked for support from MASSP members in getting new locations and speakers. They want to create a large buzz around the next MT Principals Conference and try to get 300 attendees.

4. Vice President Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

- Retirements (Program for presentation)
Mentioned a few retirements and asked folks to thank them for their work. Mentioned the Corn Hole tournament that will take place during the Social Hour before the Banquet. The benefits are going to the SAM Youth endowment. Please take part.
- MASC Report – *Michele Paine*
Michelle referenced the MASC Board liaison. She talked about the MASC Student board member that reported at the Board of Directors meeting last night. She encouraged others to get their kids involved in the program. Talked about the election of the student on the Board of Public Education. Serve for 1-2 years. Wonderful chance for a student leader to sit on that board.

5. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Member*
Paul went to the NASSP Website and referenced the time on the hill and the impact that MT can make by advocating as often as they can. Talked about the simple process that it takes to contact the representatives. They are heading out in March to represent MT.

6. State Coordinator Report – *Paul Furthmyre*

Discussed the “Take Action” methods from the NASSP Website and had Jake Haynes send a sample message to Senator Tester. Walked through the simple process. Paul is the MASSP Rep on the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee and wanted folks to know about the process that takes place. Wanted all members at the conference to reach out to their representatives and senators and let them know about Vaping and the issues MT would like to solve. Paul touched on an issue from last year and the push for Principals carrying guns and how the Delegate Assembly shut that down due to the high responsibility falls on the High School Principals.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk thanked the membership for attending the conference this year. Referenced how these Conference get togethers are beneficial to their professional development. Thanked MASSP members for their membership. Kirk showed his report and discussed a few items. The Recruitment and Retention issues. RISE4MT Update 1-16-20 would be beneficial for all attendees to review. Talked about the GREAT Publication and the work that our members are doing. “Tell Your Story” is the theme of the SAM Administrators Institute 2020 (July 27-29 in Helena) and is an item of key importance for our schools and communities. Kirk discussed “Protecting Student Online Information”. Referenced META working to implement HB745 and a simple process for schools to take part in this. Look at all of the apps that folks are using in your schools. MTSPA is a partnership developed and to create an easy process and get you connected to sample contracts to comply HB 745 and protect online student information. Kirk thanked Paul for his role as the State Rep and on Delegate Assembly Steering Committee.

8. Update on regional happenings – *Regional Directors*

- Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn talked about their last meeting at Flathead High School. Moving locations in February to Big Sky High School. Wants the attendance in Region 1 to grow.

- Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin gave an update on their large region and how they struggle to get folks around the state to gather. Their fall meeting went well. They gave away 2 \$500 scholarships. Talked about the speaker they brought to their region to address Vaping.

- Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend

Sheri said she was happy with the core group that takes part in the meetings. Always gains a new nugget at each meeting and thanks folks for taking time. They have met 4 times this year. Attendance and vaping have been large item topics.

- Region 4 *Shawn Bleth* – Malta

Shawn thanked attendees for being here. Explained the regional boundaries. They have held 4 meetings this year. 3 more to come. A lot of new faces and need to get the young folks involved. Having Kris Minard attend to discuss Vaping was a great item of discussion.

- Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth

Been having Zoom meetings to increase involvement with the region members. Thanked Kirk for his information that gets pushed out to the directors.

- Region 6 *K. J. Poepping* – Shepherd

KJ mentioned the issues that we are all facing and how they fall everyone around the state. MT Youth Challenge Director made a trip over to present. Try to maximize resources by attending their admin safety trainings.

9. MASSP Candidate Forum – *Peter Hamilton, MASSP Past President*

Peter thanked the MASSP group for the help and growth he has made while serving. Encouraged others to take part in this opportunity.

- Candidates for Vice President - *Brief speech by the candidates*

Peter introduced KJ Poepping as the only candidate running this cycle. K.J. asked the attendees to reach out and make connections and create relationships around the state. Really looking forward to working with great leadership in the years to come if elected. Stated that he has been involved with MASSP for a number of years and wanted to be more involved with issues around the state.

10. New Business

No new business at this time.

11. Adjournment

Peter Hamilton made a motion to adjourn; Ken Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 PM