

MASSP Region VI Meeting-Shawnda Zahara Director
Sept 22, 2022
ZOOM Meeting 1pm-2pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and purpose of our meetings
2. Introductions:
 - i. Shawnda Zahara, Laurel HS Principal & Region VI director
 - ii. Stacy Hall, Laurel HS Assistant Principal
 - iii. Cameron Barber, Absorakee HS Principal
 - iv. Gordon Klasna, Lockwood HS Principal & MASSP State Coordinator
 - v. Rob Hankins, Hardin HS Principal
3. Share Out- recent PD opportunities that you participated in that were very valuable
 - a. Gordon Klasna shared that Lockwood HS sent a team to the Solution Tree training in Minneapolis this summer. They are building their PLC processes and found it to be an excellent training.
 - i. Lockwood was also chosen to participate in the Summit Learning project that now serves 50 Lockwood HS students in a blended Alternative Learning environment.
 1. The training was excellent and helped them create mentoring through a weekly prescribed checklist which has led to better connections with at-risk students.
 2. It is working very well with our students and staff and in the future we might consider expanding this concept school-wide.
 - b. Cameron Barber shared that he was unable to attend any summer PD because he and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into the world. CONGRATULATIONS to all of you! This is the best PD you can participate in.
 - c. Stacy Hall shared that she attended two PD opportunities this summer.
 - i. Safe and Civil Schools is an excellent opportunity to learn strategies and tools for tackling attendance issues. Our staff came home with excellent resources that provide great structures and frameworks for the classroom including the "CHAMPS" approach.
 - d. Rob Hankins shared that Hardin HS has had a 5 year initiative with the "Alice" Training and they are adopting the Emergent 3 notification tool. They are very excited about the communication tool and its effectiveness and will keep the group apprised of the progress of the implementation process.
4. Shawnda Zahara shared that her district sent 21 teachers, administrators, and district level support to the Solution Tree training in Las Vegas. All levels were represented including a team of HS, MS, and elementary staff. Top level speakers gave us excellent tools and now our
5. Assistant Principal of the year Award Information on the award was shared with the group.
 - a. Due Oct 4th

- b. Nominees are eligible if they have served in their capacity for the past 3 years
 - c. Form is available on the SAM website
6. GV Erickson Award [Information on the award was shared with the group.](#)
- a. SAM members are eligible to be nominated
 - b. Due Sept 30th
 - c. Available on SAM website
7. Erdie Memorial Aspiring Admin Award [Information on the award was shared with the group.](#)
- a. Due Sept 30th
8. MT Principals Conference Jan 22, 23,&24th at the Delta Hotel and Conference Center Helena, MT
- a. Keynote speakers are still being confirmed-if you have any ideas on more please pass those along to our MASSP President KJ Poepping or myself
 - b. The focus this year will be Assessment/SEL/Culture Climate/possibly PLC
 - i. Lots of planning still happening
- [Gordon Klasna shared some updated information from his recent meeting in Alaska with the national organization:](#)
- [Montana is part of an umbrella organization so there may be resources available to help with bringing speakers to our state conference.](#)
- [The national conferences will be split this year but starting in the summer of 2024, the national conference will be a joint conference similar to what our state conference does.](#)
- [He updated us on some legislative proposals being brought forth at the national level including a loan forgiveness program that includes administrators, Title II-A funding increase, and Title IV-A funding increase.](#)
- [Gordon shared that NASSP has created a text form that will send calls to action directly to our Congressional delegation. He shared that this will save time for members and is very user friendly. The state organization will also be looking into how to make this possible at the state level. He will keep us updated.](#)
- [Gordon also shared with the group his excitement with the new National Executive Director and his vision for the organization. He really emphasized how nice it was to hear that the Director's focus will be to serve the state organizations more effectively.](#)
- [The group shared how exciting it is to have Gordon serving in this capacity. We feel he will do an amazing job.](#)
- [Retiring or Retired Principals/Assistant Principals Information was shared with the group. Members were asked to send names to Shawnda and she will pass them on to our MASSP Vice President.](#)
- c. Do you know of any? Please share the names with Shawnda, she will pass on to our MASSP Vice President.
9. New State Coordinator is Gordon Klasna - Congratulations
- a. Any updates from recent meetings to share?

10. Legislative Day of Advocacy
 - a. Please plan on attending-Jan 24th in Helena
 - b. Need as much public education support as possible
 - c. Other input?
11. Other information to share-Region members
12. What do you hope to get out of our meetings?
13. Next Agenda- please send items to Shawnda
14. Next meeting- In person @ Rib and Chop House
 - a. Nov 17 (Thurs) 11:30am to 1pm
 - b. Inviting Dr. Rob Watson to speak with our group.

With MCEL happening in October, our next meeting will be held November 17th at the Rib & Chop House in Billings. Dr. Rob Watson will be joining our group for the meeting.