

MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

UberConference

In attendance: Cal Ketchum, Mike Perry, Tobin Novasio, Tom Stack, Loren Dunk, Nate Olson, Bart Hawkins, Scott Chauvet, Alex Ator, Greg Dern, Rick Duncan, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield

Absent: Renee Rasmussen, Heather Davis Schmidt

Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 11-20-18](#)

Tom Stack made a motion to accept the minutes; Scott Chauvet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. MASS Info and Topics of Discussion – Cal

- Day of Advocacy 2019 and MASS Spring Conference 2019 – March 18-19 in Helena
Cal has scheduled comedian, Steve Rizzo, to speak at the MASS conference. He would like to have Governor Bullock and Superintendent Arntzen speak during the Day of Advocacy. He stated that 60-70 people attended the last NW MASS meeting, along with legislators. Kirk added that the Day of Advocacy is sponsored by MT-PEC and the agenda will be created by the MT-PEC partners. Meetings with legislators will take place during the Day of Advocacy.
- SAM Needs Assessment 2019 – To complete the SAM Needs Assessment Survey click [SAM SURVEY 2019](#).
Pat stated that a reminder will go to the SAM membership tomorrow to encourage them to complete the survey. The survey must be completed by January 11, 2019. Kirk asked board members to encourage region members to complete the survey.
- MASS Membership – Pat
Pat reviewed the membership report. MASS currently has two members more than last year. He asked that region directors reach out to those few superintendents who have still not renewed their memberships.

3. MASS Strategic Plan – Cal

- Kirk reviewed the Advocacy goal that is part of the Strategic Plan.

4. Advocacy Issues – Rick and Kirk

- 2019 Legislative Session
Kirk reviewed the legislative tools available on the SAM website. A Legislative Network training will take place on January 3, 2019. Cal relayed that legislators have asked that constituents keep messages brief when they are contacting their legislators. Rick

reviewed the SAM Advocacy Priorities 2018-19. He also reviewed HB 27, LC 1592, LC 1143. Alex asked if a member could learn about the legislative network without being a member of the network. Rick confirmed that members have access to the website and can learn at their own pace.

- Federal Issues

5. Updates from the Regions – Regional Presidents

Loren Dunk: Three legislators attended the NorthCentral December meeting.

Scott Chauvet: Restorative justice was the topic of the December 4-Rivers meeting. Two legislators attended the meeting. Scott encouraged members to get to know which legislators want to work on a bipartisan basis. He asked for ideas for speakers for the region's January meeting.

Nate Olson: The NorthCentral December meeting was a social.

Alex Ator: The SouthCentral December meeting will be a casual social. Dianne Burke attended the November meeting.

Bart Hawkins: Local legislators attended the December Hi-Line meeting. The legislators requested a monthly conference call with the Hi-Line superintendents.

Tom Stack: The Western meeting focused on "Stop the Bleed" program and Robert DoBell spoke about the IRS audit process. The next meeting will be on January 9th.

Alex Bone will be speaking about a new type of pepper spray.

Greg Dern: The Central December meeting focused on suicide prevention and mental health. Greg will send the information to Kirk or add it to the MASS Community Forum. Legislative updates along with teacher recruitment and retention will be the focus of the January meeting.

Mike Perry asked members to send him names of MASS members who are retiring.

6. Professional Learning Opportunities – Kirk

- SAM LPLP

Kirk stated that the LPLP Mid-Year report will be available in January.

- Montana Principals Conference 2019 – January 27-29, 2019 in Helena
Kirk requested that board members encourage the superintendents in their regions to encourage their principals to register for the conference.

- SAM Administrators Institute 2019– July 29-31, 2019 in Helena

Kirk reviewed the progress being made on SAM AI 2019.

7. What's on Your Mind...

Rick stated that he has asked two legislators interested in carrying a bill focused on SAM's mental health resolution. He also stated that the Dept. of Education will not be

affected by the upcoming possible government shutdown. Lastly, he provided an update about the federal farm bill that recently passed.

Tom asked about a Dec. 14th Missoulian article focused on OPI grants. He asked if SAM is lobbying to disperse these funds to K-8 schools, not only to high school districts. Rick stated that CTE and SPED coops received some of these funds. Kirk stated that the distribution of these funds is at the discretion of the state superintendent. Kirk stated that this type of information should be shared in the monthly OPI updates. Kirk will request that these key issues are shared through these updates. Tom stated that Superintendent Arntzen has suggested that the Ovando special ed coop move to the Missoula coop.

Next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for 3rd Tuesday each month – 1-15-19, 9-10 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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