



MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance: Mike Perry, Casey Klasna, Cal Ketchum, Alex Ator, Matt Jensen, Dan Schmidt, Darin Hannum, Rick Duncan, Nate Olson, Godfrey Saunders, Matt Genger, Nick Schumacher, Laurie Barron, Tobin Novasio, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Greg Dern, Tom Stack, Scott Kinney, Shawn Harkins

President Perry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Items for Discussion - MASS President Dr. Mike Perry, Presiding

1. Welcome AASA Governing Board Representatives for MT

President Perry welcomed Tobin and Laurie. They, along with Dr. Perry, will serve as non-voting members of the board.

2. Consideration of [MASS Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 4-14-20](#) [Action]

Casey Klasna made a motion to approve the minutes; Godfrey Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MASS Regional Superintendents of the Year 2020-21

The region presidents reported the Superintendents of the Year from their regions. The SAM office will reach out to the regional superintendents to begin their application process. Each will be recognized at the Fall MASS Conference and the Montana Superintendent of the Year will be announced at MCEL.

4. MASS Regional Officers 2020-21

5. Review [MASS Board Election Rotation](#) announcing new Officers and Board members

President Perry welcomed the new members to the Board. Kirk thanked the board members for their service and commitment to MASS.

6. MASS New Board Member Orientation – consider when?

The new board orientation will be scheduled as a virtual meeting with the MASS Executive Officers and the new board members.

7. Completing the [2019-20 MASS Regional Membership Monthly Meeting Log](#) to track meeting attendance for awarding the MASS Recognition pins

President Perry reminded regional presidents to complete the monthly meeting log by the end of May.

8. Effective Use of [Regional](#) Communication Tools for 2020-21

Kirk reminded board members to send information for the MASS Regional Information webpage to the SAM office. The webpage serves as a clearinghouse of resources for all MASS members.

9. Recognizing Retirees 2019-20 – *Casey Klasna*

Casey suggested that the Retiree Recognition Presentation be posted on the SAM website and a copy of the presentation will be given to each retiree. Retirees will also be recognized at SAM AI 2020.

10. Consideration of [MASS ODR Proposed Changes 5-19-20](#) - change on page 5 and added the language from the MASS Constitution in red [Action]

Kirk reviewed the suggested language to the ODR.

Dan Schmidt made a motion to accept the changes; Darin Hannum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. [MASS Financial Report FY 2019-20 3rd Qtr with Approved FY 2020-21 Budget](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report.

12. MASS Fall Conference 2020 – September 21-22 Helena Delta Hotels by Marriott

Casey reported that he has been working with MCASE President, Michelle Halberg, to plan the fall conference. They have contacted a few presenters including Dave Weber and Kristen Souers.

13. [AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference](#) and Governing Board Meeting – July 7-9, 2020

President Perry stated that the conference has been moved to a virtual platform. Tobin stated that there are currently many important topics of interest on the federal level. He encouraged Montana superintendents to participate in the conference that is free to all AASA members. Kirk asked that board members notify the SAM office if they register for the virtual conference. Rick encouraged regional presidents to reach out to their region members and invite them to attend. Conversations with Montana legislators will also be scheduled during the advocacy conference.

14. [Coronavirus Impact on our Schools](#)

Kirk reviewed the Coronavirus Impact on our Schools webpage on the SAM website that houses current information affecting education. He stated that the Montana School Safety Advisory Committee is working to complete a guide, *School Re-entry and Recovery After a Pandemic Event*. Mike stated that a task force has been established (OPI Flex 2020 Task Force). Tobin asked about the goal of the task force. Kirk stated that the focus is on licensure and accreditation and to proceed with the knowledge that quality education offered in our Montana schools is based on the quality of educator (licensure) and adherence to minimum standards (accreditation standards) to be provided to each child. These are key items to consider in the service on the Flex 2020 task force in keeping with the SAM advocacy priorities for many decades.

15. [Membership Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the report stating that MASS finished the year with 235 members, which is six more than last year. Memberships have been consistently coming in for the 2020-21 membership year. Kirk encouraged region presidents to reach out to superintendents in their regions to complete their membership.

16. 2020-21 Professional Development Update

a. [SAM LPLP](#)

Kim stated that twelve members have registered for SAM LPLP 2020-21. Letters continue to be sent to administrators new to their positions inviting them to register. Supervisors also receive a letter introducing SAM LPLP to them and the opportunity available to their new administrator.

b. [SAM AI \(Format\)](#)

Kirk stated that SAM AI will be held virtually this year based on SAM Board action. Kirk and Kim described the planning that has taken place so far.

c. [MCEL](#)

Kirk stated that a decision has not been made but MCEL will likely be held virtually.

17. [Advocacy Issues](#) – *Rick Duncan and Kirk Miller*

a. Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#)

b. [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#) – [Call for Positions and Resolutions](#) – [Delegate Selection](#)

· [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)

Kirk stated that SAM Delegate Assembly will be held July 29th or 30th in a virtual format. A new delegate orientation will be held prior to the full assembly. Rick reminded members that the deadline to submit positions and resolutions is June 1st.

c. [Federal Issues](#) Update

Rick reported that the CARES Act allocations have been updated. The following documents include information about the state set aside funds allocated to special education and special education cooperatives and clarification of the calculations of the value of Equitable Services LEAs must provide for non-public schools - [ESSER Allocations to MT School Districts](#), [Guidance](#).

d. [Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#) – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), [MQEC Update](#)

18. Reorganization of the MASS Board of Directors

a. Recognition of MASS Board Members retiring from the Board

President Perry recognized the outgoing members and thanked them for their service to the MASS Board of Directors.

b. Seating of New MASS Board Members

President Perry recognized Greg Dern as the 2020-21 MASS President Elect and welcomed the incoming Board members.

c. Recognition of MASS President Dr. Mike Perry

Casey thanked Dr. Perry for the outstanding job he has done as the MASS President.

d. Passing the Gavel to 2020-21 MASS President Casey Klasna

Casey stated that he looks forward to the opportunity to work with the board.

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

20. What's on Your Mind...

21. Adjournment

Darin Hannum made a motion to adjourn; Alex Ator seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

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