

MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

In attendance: Mike Perry, Tobin Novasio, Loren Dunk, Nate Olson, Bart Hawkins, Alex Ator, Rick Duncan, Renee Rasmussen, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield, Gary Wagner

Absent: Cal Ketchum, Tom Stack, Heather Davis Schmidt, Scott Chauvet, Greg Dern

Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 12-18-18](#)

Alex Ator made a motion to accept the minutes; Tobin Novasio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Advocacy Issues](#) – Rick and Kirk

Kirk gave an update of the new information that came about to start this week that can be found on the SAMLN19 webpage. He referenced the Schedule and noted that he will revise this since significant changes have been made in the last few hours. He mentioned that MT-PEC will give one statement for the funding bill (HB 159), a new bill (LC 595) has been introduced that will incentivize transformational learning in school districts, LC 1143 is a bill around recruitment and retention, LC 1592 (a SAM Bill) allowing a local financial institution to finance a loan for major maintenance projects and use the Building Reserve Major Maintenance Subfund to paying back the loan. Rick mentioned that there are currently 235 bills tied to Education. Special Ed Inflation and Co-ops were discussed.

- [2019 Legislative Session](#)
- [Federal Issues](#)

3. MASS Info and Topics of Discussion – Cal

- MT-PEC Public Education Day on the Hill is scheduled for February 11 in Helena: Information will continue to be sent out as received.
- Day of Advocacy 2019 and MASS Spring Conference 2019 – March 18-19 in Helena Gary discussed the agendas and stated that Cal will be scheduling the school size caucus moderators. Registration will be available soon. The registration fee for the MASS Conference will be \$50.
- SAM Needs Assessment 2019 deadline was January 11, 2019 and the results are being compiled.
- MASS Retirees – Mike
Retirees known to this point: Mark Thane, Carla Anderson, Dustin Sturm, Tammy Lacey, Russ McKenna
- [SAM Office Restructure 2019](#) – Kirk Gary referenced the restructuring plan.
- [MASS Membership](#) – Gary

- Reminder that META Membership allows superintendents and other administrators to become CoSN members.

Gary reviewed the 2nd quarter MASS membership report. Rick asked if the survey results can be disaggregated based on affiliate. Kirk stated that the META affiliate has the most potential for growth, which also allows superintendents to become CoSN members.

- [RISE4MT Update](#) and the [Montana 2018 Recruitment and Retention Survey Results and Summary](#) – Kirk

Kirk mentioned that members use the results from the Educator Recruitment and Retention survey. The survey shows the summary and then there is a deeper look within the reports. Kirk presented this information to the joint Education committees on Wednesday last week.

4. [MASS Strategic Plan](#) – Cal

Mike reminded everyone to keep the MASS Strategic Plan in mind when they are speaking to legislators.

5. Updates from the Regions – Regional Presidents

- Western: Mike reported that adding girls wrestling was discussed at the last meeting along with a visit from “Stop the Bleed” - a program that provides First Aid and CPR training.
- Northwest: Heather Davis Schmidt - No report
- Northcentral: Loren Dunk reported that the next meeting will be held in February. He asked for presentation ideas at upcoming region meetings.
- Southeast: Nate Olson reported that Dianne Burke attend the last meeting. Nate mentioned that the region members have concern with language and do not support the ANB funding for preschool bill and also the student loan repayment bill. They also discussed MHSA proposals which members do not have much support for.
- Northeast: Renee Rasmussen reported that the region is working on state advocacy each month. They have been in contact with HBO VICE and MSU to help with teacher recruitment information in northeast Montana.
- Hi-Line: Bart Hawkins reported that they met during the first week in January. Area Legislators attended the meeting.
- 4 Rivers: Scott Chauvet - No report
- Southcentral: Alex Ator reported that their next meeting is scheduled for the end of January. Mike Redburn will be in attendance to discuss collective bargaining.
- Central: Greg Dern - No report

Rick asked that everyone to keep SAM’s Delegate Assembly process in mind because it provided the designations of action and support for legislative issues. He asked that all members stay united in their stance on issues. Bart stated that if he is representing his school, his support may differ from his views if he were representing MASS. Rick stated that there are legislators that would like to see the education community divided in their views.

6. Professional Learning Opportunities – Kirk

- [SAM LPLP](#)
Kirk discussed the LPLP Symposium and the great work that this program has been doing.
- [Montana Principals Conference 2019](#) – January 27-29, 2019 in Helena
Reminder to promote the attendance of your principals
Kirk asked that superintendents promote this conference with their principals and the great agenda that has been put together.
- SAM Administrators Institute 2019– July 29-31, 2019 in Helena
Kirk reviewed the draft schedule and the absolutely great list of presenters and breakout sessions that will take place. He also stated that the LPLP Summit will be scheduled during this conference. Tobin stated how he has benefitted from his participation in SAM LPLP this year and praised the guidance he has received from his Provider.

7. What's on Your Mind...

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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