

# MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM



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

Not in attendance: Tom Stack, Matt Genger, Greg Dern

President Perry called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

## Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 12-17-19](#) [Action]

**Matt Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes; Alex Ator seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. MASS Info and Topics – *Mike*

- [NCE 2020](#) – February 13-15 San Diego  
Mike asked those attending NCE to contact the SAM office if they have not already done so. Kirk described an email that went to all known conference attendees to assist with their planning for the conference. Kirk described a hosted dinner/reception with South Dakota Superintendents that is planned for Feb 13. Mike will be introduced at the Northwest Reception. Mike will then introduce Les Meyer as this year's Montana Superintendent of the Year.
- [MASS/METAtechED Spring Conference 2020](#) – March 23-24 Helena Delta Hotel  
Registration is open for the conference. A board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM with dinner being served.
- [MASS Membership \(MASS Regional Membership 2019-20\)](#)  
Kirk stated that MASS currently has 235 members, which is six more than last year. Because of this increase in membership, Montana will have an additional seat on the AASA Governing Board. Kirk referenced the MASS Regional Membership 2019-20 shared document for regional directors to use as a reference. SAM currently has 1077 members which is also a record.
- [META Launches](#) Montana Student Privacy Alliance ([MTSPA](#)) to protect online student information  
Kirk referenced the information about the launch of the alliance that was sent to SAM members on January 15th. He asked board members to add this information to their region meeting agendas. META was instrumental in partnering with OPI and MTSBA in creating this alliance to assist school districts in complying with the components of HB 745 to protect student online information. Training videos created by META are posted on the alliance website. Clinic sessions including work sessions are being planned for the spring conference. META region directors would like to be on MASS meeting agendas to assist superintendents in implementing the process.

- [Educator Recruitment and Retention – RISE4MT Update 1-16-20](#)  
Kirk referenced the update and the recruitment and retention webpage, details of the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program, and the Educator mobility and shortages in Montana infographic. Kirk reviewed the following available grant opportunities: MT Rural Teacher Project, Rural Education Mental Health Preparation/Practice Pathway providing grants for school counselors, and the Educator Shortage “Grow Your Own” efforts.
- [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)  
Kirk referenced the framework that provides resources that can be accessed when needed. Mike encouraged board members to review this valuable information.
- [Award Opportunities](#)  
Kirk stated that the META Technologist of the Year Award and the META Empowered Superintendent of the Year Award nominations are open until Feb. 21, 2020.
- [MT Advanced Opportunity Act grants – HB 387](#)  
Kirk stated resources are housed on the OPI website. OPI is planning to divide this webpage into two pages, one for HB 351 and one for HB 387. Mike indicated that he received a letter stating Hot Springs was number 18 on the list of 32 districts who submitted applications and if the bill continues to be funded during the 2022 session his district will receive funding. Nine districts will be funded during the first year. Rick stated that his interpretation is that those districts who did not receive funding will receive funding at a later date. Kirk will clarify this information for reporting at the next web meeting.
- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools Update](#)  
Kirk referenced the update stating that he attends two meetings each month on behalf of SAM in order to ensure the most current information is provided to school districts and in the best (most efficient) method possible. He has communicated to these agencies that the implementation process needs to be as easy as possible considering the time constraints that school administrators are under. Rick asked if it would be fiscally prudent to wait until after the 2021 Legislative Session if funding is provided for the implementation. Kirk stated that SAM will continue to communicate with legislators that funding must be available. He believes the DEQ is doing their best to find resources that will not cost districts money but will still cost time.
- [MASS President-Elect Application](#) will open January 31 and close March 6  
Mike encouraged board members to submit an application for this position or to encourage someone in their region to apply.

### 3. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

- Hi-Line: Darrin reported that Andy Carlson set up a threat assessment training for district leaders that was fantastic. Jennifer Cline, Director of Student Support Services from OPI, will be attending a future meeting.
- Southeast: Nate reported that Dianne Burke provided an MQEC update and Title IX was discussed. A Title IX and FRISK training is scheduled for April 14th in Miles City. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

- Northwest: Matt Jensen reported that they continue to discuss health insurance options. They have also been discussing school bus safety.
- 4-Rivers: Godfrey reported that Carina Beck from MSU is scheduled to attend the next meeting. She will discuss what MSU is doing to help struggling students and incoming freshmen succeed.
- Northeast: Dan Schmidt reported that they had a threat assessment discussion at the last meeting. Dianne Burke, Mike Redburn, and Tricia Seifert provided reports during the well attended meeting.
- West: Mike reported that Mike Cutler attended and gave a report on his new venture as an education consultant. TRS (Shawn Graham, TRS Executive Director, attended the meeting) was also discussed.

#### 4. [Advocacy Update](#) – *Rick and Kirk*

- [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#) and [Legislative Week](#)
- SAM Delegate Assembly [DRAFT Call for Positions and Resolutions 2020](#)

Rick and Kirk have been providing testimony during interim committee meetings and legislative week. Kirk will add vaping as a topic to a future MASS Board Meeting Agenda because legislators are asking for data on the vaping bill that was passed during the last session.

- [Federal Issues](#)
- [Federal Education Funding Finalized for 2020-21](#)
- [SCOTUS Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#) – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), MQEC [Update](#) and [Summary](#)

Rick stated that SCOTUS will be hearing oral arguments for the Espinoza case tomorrow. Kirk stated that if SCOTUS rules in favor of Espinoza, public education funding will be affected in 38 states. Dan Whyte will be presenting the oral arguments for Montana. SAM/MQEC helped coordinate the amicus briefs from several national entities. Audio of the oral arguments will be available on Friday.

#### 5. Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities – *Kirk and Kim*

- [SAM LPLP](#)  
Kirk stated that the SAM LPLP Midyear Executive Summary is almost complete. Ten providers are serving 90 members and the data collected is a key role in advocacy issues and professional learning opportunities needed. Mike stated that the response received at NCE 2019 was extremely positive.
- [Montana Principals Conference 2020](#) – Jan 26-28 Fairmont  
Mike encouraged superintendents to have their principals attend this outstanding conference.
- [2019-20 SAM Conference - Meeting Schedule](#)

- [2019-20 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)

## 6. What's on Your Mind...

Rick asked about the Jamie Vollmer resources available to SAM members. Kirk stated that the SAM Board approved a business partnership with Jamie Vollmer making his professional development videos and complete package of support resources available to all schools in Montana for \$99 per school (for SAM members). He stated that the solution to gaining community support is for each district to “tell their story”. This video series supports a district to tell their story. Alex asked if could be an option added to the dues renewal process. Kirk stated that every SAM business partner would want this type of advertising, so it would not be in the best interest of SAM to add these types of business partnerships to the membership process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
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