

MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM



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

Not in attendance: Casey Klasna, Rick Duncan, Matt Genger, Greg Dern

President Perry called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Items for Discussion

- [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 11-19-19](#) [Action]
Matt Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes; Cal Ketchum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- MASS Info and Topics – *Mike*
 - [NCE 2020](#) – February 13-15 San Diego
Mike asked those planning to attend the conference to contact Kirk or Kim.
 - [MASS/METAtechED Spring Conference 2020](#) – March 23-24 Helena Delta Hotel
Mike stated that a MASS Board Meeting will be a dinner meeting on March 22nd. Mike has been working with META Vice President, Everett Holm. Bea Kaleva will be presenting on superintendent contracts. A keynote speaker from CoSN to present on K12 Innovation is being worked on. Governor Bullock and Evan Marwell will be present after the keynote presentation on Monday, March 23rd to celebrate the culmination and success of Education SuperHighway. Mike asked members to contact Casey Klasna with names of retiring members. Tom Stack and Dan Grabowska will provide a national conference report as conference incentive winners.
 - MASS Membership ([2019-20 as of 11-15-19](#)) ([MASS Regional Membership 2019-20](#))
Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that because of increased MASS membership, MASS will have a third seat on the AASA national governing board. The selection process will take place in the spring. Kirk also referenced the MASS Region Membership documents stating that the names in red represent unpaid members.
 - [Jamie Vollmer](#) SAM Business Partnership Update
Kirk reviewed the partnership with Jamie Vollmer. The resources are available for \$99 per school per year. Several districts have registered to receive these resources. The partnership provides resources for districts to frame the story they are telling to their community. SAM members can go to the website to access the resources.
 - [MT-PEC Collaborative Professional Development Flexibility & Efficiency - Framework](#)
Kirk stated that the resources are available on the SAM website. Mike thanked Kirk for providing these valuable resources.

- [GREAT 2019](#) released at MCEL 2019, Oct 16-18 in Billings for school district use
Kirk stated that this resource is available for use by schools to help tell their story and reference statewide polling information and the strategic plan of the K-12 Vision Group.
- [SAM Needs Assessment](#) to membership on 12-11-19 – please encourage members to complete
Mike asked board members to contact members from their regions and encourage them to complete the survey. Kirk stated that we worked to shorten the survey from past years and that we received a positive response rate when the survey was first sent to members.
- [Montana District/School Leadership Staffing Report 2019-20](#)
Kirk stated that this resource is available for use by our schools to use data to show the evidence of effective, efficient school and district administration in our Montana public schools. Dispel the incorrect notion that there are too many administrators serving Montana schools.
- [Award Opportunities](#)
Kirk and Kim asked board members to encourage principals to apply for the awards or take a few minutes to nominate their principals for the current awards. The deadline for nominations is December 20th.
- Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service META Project – [HB 745](#) – [MTSPA](#) Update
Kirk reviewed the progress made on the project stating that training videos are being created to assist districts in the process for complying with HB 745. META has done outstanding work to help school district ensure that online student data is protected. More information will also be presented at the MASS/METAtchED conference in March.
- 21st Century Afterschool Program
Mike stated that 21st Century Afterschool Program competitive grants will not be available next year. Tom stated that he disagrees with the competitive grant process. He asked why this type of grant continues to be offered instead of the grant money disbursed evenly to each district. Kirk stated that federal requirements occasionally guide the grant process. MT-PEC works diligently during the legislative sessions to keep grant requests from being onerous for the districts and non-evaluative. For example, HB 351 and HB 387 grants were accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Matt Jensen stated that his district received grant money from HB 351. He would like to see funding available to all districts willing to work on implementing a plan. Kirk stated that this is a valuable conversation as we continue to work on advocacy. Because public education continues to exist in scarcity we have had to work on funding through flexibility. SAM will continue to advocate for funding dedicated to public education. Alex asked if a conversation about consolidation will need to take place especially for districts that are very close to other districts. Cal stated that we may see more consolidation of elementary districts to form K-12 districts in order to open new high school districts. When studied, it is not always feasible or a cost-effective solution. Matt asked about the availability of current salary schedules. Kirk stated that SAM no longer collects this data due to the fact that OPI collects the information through TEAMS data. He asked board members to request the release of

this data from OPI. Matt stated that salary data will most likely be needed if the conversation about consolidation takes place.

- [MT Advanced Opportunity Act](#) grants – [HB 387](#)

Kirk stated that the application window is open until January. The funding available increases each year, so it is smart to make application so that school districts will be considered for funding career pathway opportunities for students and current CTE programs.

3. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

South Central: Alex reported that the region members will have a Christmas party later this month.

Hi-Line: Darin reported that they are working on combined PIR days for next summer. A threat assessment training is scheduled for January 15th. Darin will share the information with board members.

Northwest: Matt reported that the discussion this month was around health insurance and possibly pooling resources with area districts to negotiate billable rates with area hospitals. Mike asked Matt to share the information at a future board meeting. Matt stated that the first step for districts is to join a consortium with other districts.

South East: Nate reported that the region had a dinner meeting last week and discussed MUST. Use of Reflex Protect has been adopted at Broadus schools.

North East: Dan reported that they had a TRS presentation. Crisis response information from Prepare; FAST (Facilities Administration Solutions Teams), and other organizations.

4-Rivers: Godfrey reported that Ashley McGrath presented on assessment. McKinstry Industries also presented. Discussion about how to organize meetings was beneficial.

Western: Tom reported that School Services of Montana presented on CSCT, Infinite Campus, and competitive food bids. They discussed having a meeting where everyone could complete their CRDC reports.

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

- [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#) and [Legislative Week](#) (Jan 13-17)
- [Federal Issues](#)
- [SCOTUS](#) Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), MQEC [update](#)

Kirk referenced the resources for advocacy (links above) and stated that Delegate Assembly would be meeting in June 2020 to finalize the SAM Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions prior to the 2021 Legislative session.

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

- [SAM LPLP](#)
- [Montana Principals Conference 2020](#) – Jan 26-28 Fairmont

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

6. What's on Your Mind...

Kirk thanked everyone for their leadership and stated that these meetings and discussions help set direction for SAM and MASS.

President Perry adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

The next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
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