



# MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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

Not in attendance: Nate Olson, Tom Stack

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

## Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-21-20](#) [Action]

**Darrin Hannum made a motion to approve the minutes; Casey Klasna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. MASS Info and Topics – *Mike*

- [NCE 2020](#) Report – February 13-15 San Diego  
Mike reported that the conference was outstanding and a great opportunity to celebrate Les Meyer, MASS Superintendent of the Year. Kirk stated that he appreciates the value that Montana superintendents add to the national conference. Mike encouraged administrators to attend NCE 2021 will be in New Orleans if they are able.
- [MASS/METAtchED Spring Conference 2020 DRAFT](#) – March 23-24 Helena Delta Hotel
  - Retiree Recognition at the Conference  
Mike stated that the MASS Board Meeting will be Sunday, March 22nd. Kirk reviewed the conference agenda. Kirk stated that MREA/MCS will be sponsoring a reception before the board meeting beginning at 4:45 pm. More information will be provided closer to the conference.
- [META Launches](#) Montana Student Privacy Alliance ([MTSPA](#)) to protect online student information  
Mike reported that a Montana Student Privacy Alliance discussion will take place during the luncheon at the conference.
- [Award Opportunities](#)  
Mike reviewed the current award opportunities.
- [MT Advanced Opportunity Act](#) and [Transformational Learning](#) Update  
Kirk reviewed the links to the OPI webpages. He reported that at a recent meeting the first come first served process vs. a grant application was discussed. MT-PEC has written language that could be amended into HB 351 and HB 387 that would allocate dollars to every district that applies for funding including those districts who have already submitted applications. Matt Jensen stated that Bigfork received the grant

but he asked what is expected of schools after the four year grant term. Kirk stated that OPI is seeking models as guides, but transformational learning will look different for every district depending on the implementation. He stated that Joe Steele is a good resource. Matt stated that even though transformational learning is being tagged as something new, it has been part of our state constitution since ratified in 1972 (Article X). Kirk agreed and stated that this new legislation has provided the opportunity for funding for districts implementing these practices. Matt asked if districts receiving grants need to adopt proficiency based ANB. Kirk stated that it is not mandatory but seat-time cannot be relied upon in the definition of proficiency.

- [DPHHS Rules on Healthy Learning Environments in Schools](#) Update
  - DPHHS request for meeting topic at Region Meetings in 2020-21Kirk stated that he has been attending monthly meetings with DPHHS and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Webinars will be available to school districts to assist with the implementation of the requirements. Kirk stated that the county sanitarians/safety officers will be responsible for helping school districts meet the demands in the rule changes. SAM has had a seat at these meetings to engage these state departments in understanding of implementing rule changes in schools, and to work to make that as easy as possible for our school administrators.
- [MASS President-Elect Application](#) closes March 6  
Mike encouraged board members to consider applying for the position.
- Consideration of [Workshop on Creating a New Paradigm for Educational Accountability](#) – [Intro Letter](#) – [White Paper](#) -- Discussion  
Kirk reported that John Tanner from Test Sense will conduct a 4-hour school accountability workshop for 20-30 superintendents possibly during SAM AI. The MASS Board is interested in the training and requested that Kirk pursue this training.
- [Public Schools Week](#) starts February 24 – Discussion of plans  
Kirk encouraged board members to get this information out to region members to ensure a strong social media presence. Mike stated that Jamie Vollmer’s information also provides resources for Public Schools Week.
- [SAM Youth Endowment](#) – Promote applications – deadline March 3  
Kirk encouraged board members to get this information out to region members and submit an application for a family in need.
- [Proposed AASA Dues Increase for 2020-21](#) – Discussion  
Kirk stated that AASA has proposed a plan to increase dues. MASS will take action on the 2020-21 dues structure at the March 22nd Board meeting. Rick stated that it has been several years since there has been an inflationary increase in the amount of money that goes to MASS/SAM from member dues. Kirk stated that it would take SAM Board action to increase this amount. Mike suggested adding this to the SAM Executive Board agenda.

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

SouthCentral: Alex reported that T.E.S.T. and Tom Franta presented at the last meeting; ACE will present at the next meeting about standards based grading. Heather Jarrett will be sharing strategies she is finding successful in her district.

Central: Greg reported Zach Hawkins presented Indian Education for All at the last meeting. In March they will have their annual legal/ed law clinic and in April they will have their annual “What in the World Did You Do” professional practices colloquium.

Hi-Line: Darin reported that they have been discussing threat assessment training. Jennifer Cline from OPI presented at the last meeting.

NorthWest: Matt Jensen reported that Dianne Burke presented at the last meeting. Shawn Graham discussed retirement. They will be discussing tiered interventions at the next meeting.

Mike encouraged board members to contact new superintendents and inform them of the SAM LPLP opportunity and invite them to contact the SAM office for more information.

4-Rivers: Godfrey reported that Carina Beck from MSU presented information on the Helman scholarship. Brad Somers is presenting in March about Student Data Privacy.

NorthEast: Dan reported that the region is working with big employers to encourage people to move back to northeast Montana. Tricia Siefert discussed the various teacher licensure programs.

NorthCentral: Matt Genger reported that Dennis Paman presented on the Interim Education Committee and subcommittee meetings.

President-Elect: Casey asked members to let him know of members retiring this year so they can be recognized at the spring conference.

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

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

Rick reported that the next interim committee meeting is scheduled for March 19-20. Legislation is currently being drafted dealing with funding to include special education and possibly coop funding.

- SAM Delegate Assembly 2020

Rick asked each board member to let Mike, Kirk, and himself know who the delegate is for their region.

- [Call for Positions and Resolutions 2020](#) – deadline May 1
- [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)

- [Federal Issues](#)  
Rick stated that even with the recent increase, IDEA is still only funded at 14% of the federal mandate.

Kirk stated that the US Dept. of Education has modified the REAP funding. Advocacy is currently in place at the federal level to try to get this reinstated.

- [Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#) – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), [MQEC Update](#)  
Kirk reviewed the resources.

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

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

6. What's on Your Mind...

Next MASS Board Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
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