

MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

[UberConference](#)

In attendance: Cal Ketchum, Mike Perry, Casey Klasna, Heather Davis Schmidt, Loren Dunk, Alex Ator, Tobin Novasio, Rick Duncan, Tom Stack, Nate Olson, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Scott Chauvet, Renee Rasmussen, Bart Hawkins, Greg Dern

Items for Discussion

The meeting called to order at 9:02 by MASS President, Cal Ketchum

1. [MASS Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-17-19](#) [Action]

Loren Dunk made a motion to approve the minutes; Casey Klasna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

· [2019 Legislative Session](#)

Kirk referenced the [SAMLN19 Legislative Update 16 4-15-19](#). He stated that HB 658 (Medicaid expansion) passed on second reading yesterday. The MT-PEC partners made one more attempt yesterday to draft a bill that would allow for preschool that would not include privatization of public funds. Kirk reviewed the charter rules that could be implemented by districts wishing to partner with a private entity to create a charter preschool. The bill draft also removed the commissioner of early education language from HB 755 - which seems to have more to do with privatization with public funds instead of preschool. The draft bill was not accepted by the governor or the legislative leadership. Kirk stated that HB 663 and HB 664 may include preschool. Kirk stated that he intends to send a legislative update later today. Kirk referenced the [SAM Followed Bills Priority Status 4-12-19](#). He stated that HB 351 and HB 387 are both waiting for the Governor's signature and will provide approximately \$6 million to MT schools. HB 657 was amended to include special education funding study, HB 662 passed 3rd reading, HB 663 and HB 664 are being monitored by SAM, SB 92 expands permissive and major maintenance levies to include school safety - this could include mental health issues, technology security, and SROs for example. Rick stated that if SB 92 passes it could go into effect immediately. Cal asked if this funding could be used to pay existing counselors. Kirk stated that he will find out. Kirk stated that he believes it would be beneficial to put together a training session for superintendents to inform school leaders how to implement the flexibility that has been gained throughout this session's legislation. This could take place during SAM AI and repeated during MCEL. Alex asked that this training session be recorded to allow business officials to listen to the recording with their superintendents. Cal asked that a quick reference guide be created that would go along with the training. Rick stated that it is important to complete the training in July since budgets are due in August. Kirk asked that the MASS Board members help promote this training with superintendents in their regions. Kirk also described the governance training for district teams (superintendent, building administrator, lead teacher, board member, and district clerk) that has been created by MT-PEC. Kirk stated that he will compile a report with information about what happened during the session and how it affects the SAM Advocacy package. Cal thanked the SAM office for everything they are doing to advocate for administrators across the state.

· [Federal Issues](#)

3. MASS Info and Topics of Discussion – *Cal and Mike*

Cal congratulated Casey Klasna on being elected as the 2019-20 MASS President Elect.

1. [MASS Spring Conference Evaluation](#) and [Caucus Discussions](#)

Mike asked that regional presidents reach out to members to find out what topics they would like discussed next year during conferences.

2. [SAM LPLP 2019-20 MASS Proposal](#)

Kirk referenced the proposal which includes four options. This proposal was created due to the discussion at the MASS Spring Board meeting. Rick stated that he feels SAM LPLP is a great thing for MASS to invest in. Tobin stated that he feels that investing in new MASS members is beneficial to the organization. Heather stated that small districts have more difficulty paying for the program than larger districts. Kirk stated that the proposal would be for SAM LPLP 2019-20 and be looked at again next year.

Tom Stack made a motion to accept proposal #1, where MASS would pay the \$500 registration fee for all new superintendents who sign up for the SAM LPLP 2019-20. Tobin Novasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MASS [Superintendent Recognition Program](#)

a. Use [this google doc](#) to update meeting attendance for the members of your region

i. Pin Design Discussion - Silver Pin (60% of total possible points) and Gold Pin (80% of total possible points)

Kim will research pin designs.

ii. Recognition correspondence and awarding of pins

Kirk asked that region presidents update the attendance document at region meetings. Heather stated that it was suggested at her region meeting to lower the points for earning a silver pin to 14 points instead of 15.

Heather Davis made a motion to lower the points for earning a silver pin to 14 points instead of 15; Tobin Novasio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. SAM Membership Renewal Drive 2019-20 – *Gary*

Membership was launched April 3rd and has been successful so far.

5. Region President Elections and Regional Superintendent of the Year

Alex stated that he has been appointed to continue as the SouthCentral region president.

a. Report by May 21st MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting

6. Delegate Assembly 2019

a. Choose Delegates/Alternates by May 17th

There is a deadline for alternates and one delegate from each region.

b. Call for resolutions completed by May 31st

4. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

South Central: Alex reported that Reflex Protect, northwest accreditation, and insurance rates were discussed at the March meeting.

South East: Nate reported that MTSBA policy requirements were discussed at the April meeting.

Western: Tom reported that MSGIA and Bea Kaleva attended the last meeting. The University of Montana President will attend the May meeting.

North West: Heather reported that chronic absenteeism, annual report cards from health departments were discussed at the April meeting and the development of a leadership academy for new board members will be discussed next month

North Central: Loren reported that a representative from MT Youth Challenge was at the last meeting. Kirk stated that renewal units will be created for each member based on regional attendance and will allow two hours per region meeting.

5. Professional Learning Opportunities – *Kirk*

- [SAM Administrators Institute 2019](#)– July 29-31, 2019 in Helena

Kirk stated that the agenda will be adjusted based on the legislative action training discussed earlier in this meeting. He asked that regional presidents share the SAM AI information with their region members. Registration is now open.

6. What's on Your Mind...

For your reference: 2019-20 Calendars

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

Based on consensus of the board members, monthly MASS Board Leadership Web Meetings will continue next year.

The next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 9:00 am. Transitions will take place during the May 21st Web Meeting. Outgoing and Incoming board members will be invited.

Loren Dunk made a motion to adjourn; Tom Stack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.