

MASS Board of Directors Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, September 22, 2019

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Bozeman GranTree Inn Aspen Room



In Attendance: Mike Perry, Casey Klasna, Cal Ketchum, Godfrey Saunders, Alex Ator, Rick Duncan, Matt Jensen, Matt Genger, Darin Hannum, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

Guest: Dr. David Schuler, AASA Past President, National Superintendent of the Year, and SAM LPLP Aspiring Superintendent Collegial Learning Network National Mentor

Not in attendance: Dan Schmidt, Tom Stack, Greg Dern, Nate Olson

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Agenda

MASS President Dr. Mike Perry, Presiding

1. Mega Issue (6:00-6:45 pm): SAM/MASS Professional Development plans for 2019-20

[Framework](#)

Kirk described the professional development framework that includes 21 learner outcomes around the flexibility in funding available to districts. It will be launched during MCEL. Kirk stated that the application window for HB 351 opens on October 1st at 8:00 AM. Funding and will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis. HB 387 applications will open on the first Monday in December.

AASA Update – Dave Schuler, AASA Past President

Dave stated that the 2019-20 Aspiring Superintendent Collegial Learning Network launch was earlier in the day. AASA has 13 similar partnerships around the country.

He stated that AASA has a new partnership with Waterford and has launched an early learning cohort. He asked board members to let him know if they would like to be part of the pilot program. He stated that national readiness indicators will be launched in October.

Kirk described the commitment MASS has made to pay the SAM LPLP registration fee for all superintendents new to their position. Kirk thanked Dave for continuing to have a connection in Montana. Alex stated his praise for LPLP. Mike stated that many people from around the country were interested in launching programs similar to SAM LPLP when Kirk and the Montana LPLP team presented at NCE 2019.

2. Additions to Agenda
None noted.

3. Approval of the [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-10-19](#)
Darin Hannum made a motion to approve the minutes; Casey Klasna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Old Business
 1. [MASS Financial Report 2019-20](#) as of 9-6-19 [Information]
Kirk referenced the financial report.
5. New Business
6. President's Report – *Dr. Mike Perry*
 - a. [MASS/MCASE Fall Conference](#) Schedule and [Business Meeting Agenda](#)
Mike referenced the conference app.
 - b. [SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) –
[GV Erickson](#), [Erdie Memorial Scholarship](#), [MASS School Board of Year](#)
Mike urged board members to submit nominations by October 1st.
 - c. [MCEL Conference 2019](#)
MCEL will be in Billings on October 16-18.
 - d. AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE 20](#))
Mike described the positive experience he had at NCE 2019 and the benefit of the roundtable discussions he participated in. He stated that Montana attendees will have the opportunity to connect over dinner with South Dakota attendees at NCE 2020.
 - e. MASS Spring Conference
The conference will be in Helena March 23-24 and will be combined with META. Kirk described that META has been working with Education SuperHighway (ESH) for the past four years to expand broadband to Montana school districts. ESH will be sunsetting this year. Celebrating the success of the project will take place at the spring conference. Alex stated that two years ago Roberts got a bid for \$10,000 per month and this year the same company gave a bid for \$1100 per month but with \$93,000 in extra costs. He is drafting a complaint to the FCC. Mike suggested posting this topic to the MASS Member Community Forum and asking region directors to bring this up at region meetings. Kirk stated that this would be a good topic for the School Size Caucus.
 - f. [Membership](#)
Gary referenced the membership report. He stated that the district clerks are doing a fantastic job of getting memberships paid. He stated that transitions are still taking place. He asked board members to contact him if they have questions about paid memberships. Gary referenced the 2019-20 MASS Regional Membership document that has been shared with all board members. He asked region presidents to contact him if changes need to be made or to update the documents as needed. Kirk stated that a year ago MASS changed the membership structure and AASA membership is now an opt-out. This has greatly increased the AASA membership numbers. Dave stated that this is why the Aspiring Superintendent Collegial Learning Network can take place in Montana at no cost. Rick referenced the AASA legal benefit available to members.

g. Updates

Mike stated that two members from the U.S. Department of Education will present at the conference. Rick and Alex will be taking them to tour LaMotte and Manhattan schools. Mike stated that when he met with them they mentioned several programs that he didn't know about. Matt Genger asked if there is a connection between the U.S. Dept. of Education and OPI. Mike stated that Jule Walker from OPI was instrumental in organizing the meeting. During the meeting, it was discussed that Montana is not only rural but also frontier. Mike hopes to keep visiting the department when Montana delegates are in Washington DC.

Godfrey will lead the AA/A caucus. Mike asked caucus leaders to keep a record of the discussions and email them to Kim so they can be posted on the website. He asked board members to add the topic of auditing services to the agendas at their caucus.

7. President-Elect Report – *Casey Klasna*

a. [AASA National Conference on Education Incentive Award](#)

Casey stated that there were four applications submitted for the incentive award. Dan Grabowska and Tom Stack will be awarded with the incentive awards.

8. Regional Director's Reports – *Regional Presidents*

4-Rivers: Godfrey reported that the members wanted more information about dyslexia. A conference is being held at MSU. Godfrey will get the conference information to Kim. ([Dyslexia & Innovation Symposium 2019 Information Oct. 29, 2019](#)) The presenter will be at an upcoming meeting to present. The area drug task force is going to present at the next meeting. TRS, student success at MSU, and college readiness will be discussed at future meetings.

NorthCentral: Matt Genger reported that Dennis Parman and Jule Walker presented at the last meeting. Hilleman scholarship information was also provided.

NorthWest: Matt Jensen reported that goals were set for the year at the last meeting. They are adding real-life scenario discussions to the meetings. GEMS, data warehouse, MQEC, advocacy, school safety, and health insurance will all be topics on future agendas. Six two-hour trainings led by Dr. John Matt focusing on school boards have been scheduled. Sixty school board trustees attended the first meeting.

SouthCentral: Alex reported that a diverse group attends meetings. Larry Martin presented about lead in schools, LR-130 and how to frame the issue with board members was discussed. A safety glass presentation was held at the Lockwood fire department.

Hi-Line: Darin reported that Kirk presented at the September meeting. Andy Holmlund will be presenting about health insurance options at the next meeting. TRS will also be presenting. Region-wide PIR is being discussed for next year.

9. [Advocacy Issues](#) – *Rick Duncan and Kirk Miller*

a. [Delegate Assembly - recommendations](#) for SAM Business Meeting on 10-18-19

Rick referenced the recommendations that the SAM membership will vote on at the business meeting. Resolutions need to be submitted by mid-April 2020 to be considered for Delegate Assembly in June.

b. [2019 Legislative Session - Summary](#)

Rick referenced the summary stating that he and Kirk provided testimony on over 90 bills during the session. He described the bills within the five legislative priorities for SAM.

Matt Jensen asked if there was a discussion about privatization with public funds when HB 351 was presented. Kirk stated that HB 387 was first presented based upon an Idaho bill. MT-PEC was successful in discussing with the bill sponsor to not include privatization in the bill. Matt also asked if eligibility rules (brick and mortar) have been discussed with MHSA. Kirk stated that those discussions have taken place and MHSA is realizing that rule adjustments need to be made. Kirk advised board members to be ready to apply for HB 351 as early as possible on October 1. Kirk stated that money provided through HB 351 can be matched by a district in their flexibility fund.

c. [Federal Issues](#)

Rick stated that there are currently 100 federal legislators co-sponsoring IDEA funding. He also mentioned the FCC potential changes to Erate distribution impacting schools and rural health care. He described the letters sent FCC Chairman Pai from SAM and Sen Tester to clarify our position.

d. [DPHHS School Health/Safety Proposed Rules](#) – [website](#) – [OPI](#) – [MT-PEC Comments](#)

Kirk briefly described the issues and pointed the group to the last 2 paragraphs of the MT-PEC Comments document to clarify what is being requested.

10. [Executive Director's Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referenced the Executive Director's Report. He will discuss several of the topics during the SAM Update on Tuesday.

Mike mentioned that he is researching Got Zoom, a loan repayment program and a partner with AASA. Kirk stated that this partnership would be a SAM business partnership and the money would flow to MASS. The SAM Board would vet Got Zoom before they could become a business partner. Mike will send the information to board members and he will take the feedback to the SAM Board.

11. What's on Your Mind...

The October 8, 2019 MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting is cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
Director of Professional Learning and Member Services