

META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

January 6, 2020

1:00 – 2:00 PM



Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

In attendance: Everett Holm, James Krippes, Mindy Obert, Carol Phillips, Adam Toombs, Brad Somers, Paul Kozlowitz, Branson Rogers, Darlene Hess, Jeredene Mayfield, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner

Not in attendance: Travis Baumann, Detlef Schliepper, Brian Norwood, Scott Baldwin, Rich Lawrence, Robert Parker

Agenda

President Holm called the meeting at 1:03 PM.

1. **Approval of [META Board Leadership Web Meeting 11-18-20 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)**

Jeredine Mayfield made a motion to approve the minutes: Adam Toombs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **META Business**

1. Welcome new META Board members – Detlef Schlieper – NW Region Director and Darlene Hess – SC Region Director

Darlene introduced herself and shared some of her past experiences. The rest of the Board Members introduced themselves.

2. Filling Vacant META Board of Director Seat –NE Region
No Discussion

3. METAtchED Virtual Conference 2021 Update – *Carol Phillips*

Carol stated that planning for the conference is continuing. She added that recorded sessions will be a benefit to attendees since they will be able to view the presentations at a later date. Ryan Cloutier, CoSN Cyber Security Expert will be the keynote who will present on bridging the gap between tech “nerds” and school board members as well as Superintendents. He is not charging for the presentation and will also put on a workshop with implementation of his thoughts post keynote. The conference theme will be - *ABC's of Student Safety*. This is a great buzz word to help get administration involved. Carol would like the conference schedule to extend into the afternoon but she is not sure of the exact layout and if it will be beneficial. The following presentations will also take place at the conference: Jeff Patterson - Managing Tech through the crisis of Covid, Stephanie Sondrol - How Techs can keep things going. Colet Bartow - Interoperability, PineCove - High Point Networks - Security, ADA Compliance. New Line Interactive will be the Platinum Sponsor and 8 to 10 vendors are already interested in the event. Carol wants to keep the conference costs low.

4. Student Data Privacy [MTSPA](#) ([MPOIPA](#) Project) Update – *Carol Phillips, Brad Somers*

Carol mentioned that things are going well with the project. She has been trying to get a contract with Streamer.

5. Cybersecurity Project Update

a. MT CERT – *Carol Phillips, Mindy Obert, James Krippes*

Carol mentioned that the MT CERT committee would like contact information placed for Cyber Certification in the OPI Handbook. She stated that she would like more details but is satisfied with the starting point. [James Krippes](#) stated that he thinks the information will be for a point of contact for each school. Kirk stated that this project is just getting underway and will create a list of contacts for certain district individuals when an attack takes place.

b. MT ISAC – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk stated that the first MT ISAC meeting was December 16, 2020. This is created to connect SAM to all state organizations to share methods of information security and what delivery systems are being built. These systems need to be secure. This allows SAM to have a voice with legislation pointed towards information security. Paul Kozlowitz mentioned the great legislative movement to get funding.

6. Broadband Project Update – *META Advocacy Team*

No update was provided.

7. [COVID-19 Information for Schools](#) Update – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referred to the COVID-19 webpage and all of the changes that Governor Gianforte has made and the rationale behind the changes. Kirk mentioned that he has been serving on the vaccination task force.

8. META [Membership 2020-21](#) – [META Regional Membership 2020-21 Google Sheet](#)

Gary Wagner gave a membership update. He encouraged board members to find those who need to get involved and have them join SAM and META.

3. **Reports**

1. President Report – *Everett Holm*

Everett thanked all board members for the work they have done. He has been working to transition to phase two and getting kids back into the school. He stated that it has been difficult from a political aspect with the tribal council.

2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*

Carol referred back to the conference work she has been doing and would like to encourage META members to become more active.

3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter – *Brian Norwood*

No report.

4. South East – *Branson Rogers*

Branson reported that he held a region meeting last month but did not have good attendance. However, a good conversation took place about the work that is being done. He is planning a meeting for the end of January.

5. South Central – *Darlene Hess*

Darlene reported that she held a joint meeting with the 4-Rivers region.

6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Scott Baldwin*

Adam reported that the SAMLN21 had a meeting to discuss what needs to be done during the legislative session. He and Scott have been working with schools in the surrounding areas to decide schedules and who will be taking care of a particular school.

7. 4 Rivers – *Mindy Obert & Brad Somers*

Mindy reported that they had a joint meeting with Darlene Hess and had good attendance. Kirk was able to join and talk about the Cyber Security project and progress that has been made. The Belgrade Tech Director came and spoke about a non-compliant ADA website.

8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*

Paul reported that he wants to hold a joint meeting with the NW region and discuss the legislative issues.

9. Northwest – *Detlef Schlieper*

No report.

10. North Central – *Jeredene Mayfield & James Krippes*

James reported that last month's meeting agenda included a COVID recap and a discussion of what members were buying with their CARES money.

11. Hi Line – *Robert Parker & Travis Baumann*

No report.

12. North East – *TBD*

4. **Advocacy Update** – *Rich Lawrence & Kirk Miller*

1. [2021 Legislative Session](#) Update

Kirk reviewed how to access the legislative information on the SAM website. He described the easy ways to get involved and stay up to date with issues and encouraged members to participate in the SAM Legislative Network 2021 (SAM LN21). Paul stated that he would like to participate in the legislative network. Kirk stated that SAM LN21 members will be able to access the podcast as well as the schedule of bills for the next week. There will be lunch and learn to give progress on

bills being tracked. Kirk walked members through the Legislative Updates and what they can see when clicking on those links. He discussed HB 16, how he has submitted testimony for that bill, and how it will work throughout the session. 3129 Legislative Bill Requests that have been made. Kirk has been through and tracked 379 Bills He described how bills are categorized according to SAM's advocacy priorities. Adam stated that he is aware that SAM is putting in serious work to stay up on the issues. A sincere thank you was offered.

2. [Federal Issues](#) Update

5. [Executive Director Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

6. **Open Discussion** - Items brought to the Board by Regional Directors

7. **Adjourn**

James Krippes made a motion to adjourn: Paul Kozlowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Wagner
Director of Operations, Finance & Membership