META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

November 18, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 PM

In attendance: Everett Holm, Brian Norwood, James Krippes, Mindy Obert, Carol Phillips, Scott Baldwin, Adam Toombs, Brad Somers, Branson Rogers, Rich Lawrence, Jeredene Mayfield, Robert Parker, Kirk Miller, Kimberly Scofield

Not in attendance: Paul Kozlowitz, Travis Baumann

Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

AGENDA

Call Meeting to order and Introductions

Everett called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

1.   **Approval of** META Board Leadership Web Meeting 10-21-20 DRAFT Minutes [Action]

Brian Norwood made a motion to approve the minutes: Adam Toombs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.   **META Business**

1. Filling Vacant META Board of Director Seats –NE, NW, SC Regions

Everett appointed Detlef Schlieper, new technology director at Evergreen Schools, as the new NW director.

Brad wrote the following in the chat: "Cody Cook in Glendive may be able to fill NE. Cody Cook is an active META member the past two years, and Spencer Johnson, the Glendive HS Principal mentioned he may be able to be a Board Member. I have not done the follow-up."

Carol stated that Darlene Hess, Lockwood Technology Director, has agreed to serve as the SC region director. Everett appointed Darlene to this position.

2.   META Strategic Plan Discussion (if necessary)

    2.2 Update META Position/Resolution Paper

Kirk asked if a board member would like to update the META Position/Resolution Paper. The SAM Office will work with Rich to update the document. Adam will also help create this document.

3.   MTSPA (MPOPIPA Project) Update

Everett reminded the Board that these resources are available. He stated that Zoom has signed agreements with some districts in the state. Adam stated that Adobe has also signed an agreement. Kirk stated that because of the makeup of the legislature and the election, he believes that schools will be held accountable for complying with the guidelines set in HB 745.

Rich stated that his response to legislators would be that districts have not received leadership from OPI and even though student data privacy is necessary, it is an unfunded mandate and has been very time-consuming. META has provided leadership to districts across the state. James asked if there is something technology directors could do as a team to help build the repository. Adam stated that the Exhibit As that

districts have been able to get vendors to sign have been very helpful because each district can also have these signed by the same vendors instead of having to start from the beginning of the process with all vendors.. Carol stated that she would like to see large school districts that have more staff would contribute to the repository. Rich stated that he hasn't been sharing what he has been doing with the repository because Debra Silk at MTSBA could not guarantee that the agreements he has gotten vendors to sign for his district may not be relevant to other districts. Carol stated that she heard from Kris Goss that many contracts are relevant to other districts, especially if the contract was vetted by an attorney from MTSBA and that if a vendor does not sign an Exhibit A, it could still be added to the repository as "vendor specific, no exhibit". Carol mentioned that there is also a national data privacy agreement, however, the national contract does not match the state contract.

4.   Cybersecurity Project Update ([MT CERT Email 11.16.20](#))

Everett stated that he thinks this is an important issue for META to be part of. Rich stated that the FBI and NSA stated that the data that was taken from Columbia Falls when the data was breached a few years ago was worth $300,000-$500,000. Carol stated that communicating with stakeholders that data privacy is not only the protection of student identities but is also a safety issue is important in getting them to realize the gravity of the issue.

Kirk stated that Mindy, Carol, and James have agreed to serve on the MT CERT planning team. The purpose of MT CERT is to provide policies and procedures to be followed when a district is the victim of a cyberattack and to have the ability to provide all school districts with proper information. Carol thanked Kirk for bringing this opportunity to META.

5.   Broadband Project Update

Kirk reported that ConnectedNation (K-12) has taken over the responsibility for broadband that Education Superhighway was helping to coordinate. META has a seat at the table with ConnectedNation moving forward. Kirk stated that broadband, e-rate, and closing the homework gap have been important issues to Governor Bullock and he believes that the Governor-Elect will have this item as a top priority since his background is in technology. META has brought resolutions to the SAM Delegate Assembly dealing with this issue and will need to continue to contribute to the discussion. Everett stated that he would like to continue working on this project.

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

Everett stated META currently has 105 members and is hoping to reach at least 108 members, which will pay for META's CoSN membership. He encouraged region directors to use the shared google sheet and contact potential members and those members who have not paid their membership dues yet this year.

7.   Appstream/AWS opportunity for META school districts

Everett stated that he reviewed Appstream, a Bytespeed product, and asked the board if they think districts would be interested in an opportunity that would cost a district $250 for an Appstream set-up. Kirk stated that this offer would need to follow the SAM Business Partner process of being vetted and approved by the SAM Board of Directors. Everett will talk to Anna Hanson from Bytespeed and forward the information to Kirk.

3.   **Reports**

1.   President Report – *Everett Holm*

Everett reported that several families in his district are still having difficulties accessing an internet connection. His district continues to be completely remote.

2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*

Carol reported that she has been working on conference planning including a cybersecurity expert as a possible keynote speaker, a G-Suite Administrator training, a managing tech through the crisis of COVID, an Infinite Campus training - using the sandbox, a Powerschool rep, interoperability, and ADA compliance. She is also working on securing conference sponsorships. Each of the sessions will be recorded so attendees can access the sessions on-demand following the conference.

3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter ([Can your chapter Help our CoSN Advocacy request](#)) – *Brian Norwood*

Brain reported that CoSN is asking for donations again this year for advocacy. CoSN is planning for a virtual conference in 2021. Kirk stated that this donation has not been included in the budget. Brian recommended that META not donate this year. The board agreed.

4. South East – *Branson Rogers*

Branson reported that he plans to hold a region meeting the week of December 7th.

5. South Central – *TBD*

Carol welcomed Darlene Hess to the board and reported that SC and 4R held a joint meeting earlier today. Student data privacy, ADA compliance, and cybersecurity were discussed. She plans to invite all META members to an upcoming meeting.

6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Scott Baldwin*

Adam reported that a region meeting will be held later today. They plan to discuss issues that have been reviewed by the board at the last few meetings.

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

Mindy reported that the joint meeting with SC earlier today was very interesting.

8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*

No report.

9. Northwest – *TBD*

No report.

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

Jeredene reported that the next region meeting will be held in December. She suggested that Lew Jones speak at the conference about the implementation of HB 745 and other legislative issues.

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

Robert reported that the next region meeting will be in December.

12. North East – *TBD*

No report.

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

1.   [2021 Legislative Session](#) ([2019 Legislative Session](#) SAM Example)

2.   [Call to Join SAM Legislative Network 2021](#) (SAMLN21) - [2019 Info](#)

Kirk encouraged board members to register to participate in the SAMLN21. He asked that at least one member from each region participate. Training will be provided to all participants before the session.

3.   [SAM 2020 Advocacy Priorities Positions Resolutions Approved 10-14-20](#)

Kirk reported that the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee is currently reorganizing the SAM advocacy priorities based on the makeup of the upcoming session.

4.   Legislative Interim Advocacy – [SAM 2021 Interim Advocacy Report](#)

5.   [Federal Issues](#) Update

5.   **Executive Director Report** ([ISTE](#)) ([District Access to Tech COVID](#)) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk asked if the META Board is interested in having ISTE information sent to the META Board members. The Board agreed and will share the information with the members in their regions. By request from OPI, Kirk asked if districts are requiring families to buy computers or pay for internet access if the family indicates that they are unable to pay. James stated that the school districts he works with are attempting to provide education for all at no cost to families. Jeredene stated that her district is asking families to pay a $15 insurance fee, but not requiring it if a family is unable to pay. However, parents are required to pay for internet service if they choose remote learning since the district is offering onsite learning. Carol stated that her district is supplying equipment when necessary. Adam stated that some families are unable to access internet but many options have been made available to provide education to students. None of the board members reported that no districts they know of are requiring families to buy computers or pay for internet access if the family indicates that they are unable to pay.

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

 None noted.

7.   **Adjourn**

Adam Toombs made a motion to adjourn the meeting; James Krippes seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

<u>META CALENDAR</u>
[SAM and Affiliates Schedule of Conferences and Board Meetings](#)
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Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
SAM Director of Member Services and Professional Learning